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dedicates this issue of the Pioneer  
to the alumni and faculty members  
of Reading High School who are  
now in the service of our country.

### A PRAYER

Dear God, I pledge my allegiance  
To a flag of the brave and the free,  
May the red, white, and blue of its glory  
Ever wave in the skies over me.

Oh, Father, keep this mighty nation  
Under Thy guidance we pray;  
May Thy presence ever be with us  
Until the Victory Day.

Keep us from evil, we ask Thee,  
Point out the right from the wrong.  
We'll follow wherever You lead us  
Singing Your great battle song.

Onward, you Christians, forever,  
The way of the Lord shall prevail,  
He'll bless us and keep us in glory  
For the promise of Christ shall not fail.

# And the Star-Spangled Banner in Triumph Shall Wave,

## THIS IS THE ARMY

Amireault, Harold  
Anderson, Joseph  
Anderson, Robert  
Arsenault, David  
Arsenault, Ernest  
Arsenault, James  
Avery, Richard  
Baker, Earle F.  
Bailey, Bruce P.  
Barrett, Edward J.  
Batten, Edward W.  
Beaudoin, Francis  
Beaudoin, John  
Beecher, Frank R.  
Benjamin, Walter P.  
Bennett, Austin E. Jr.  
Bingham, Robert  
Black, Chesley L.  
Black, George  
Black, Walter J.  
Bolton, Ernest T.  
Bowers, John S.  
Bredbury, Gerald F. (D.D.S.)  
Bredbury, Malcolm S.  
Brennan, Virginia (WAAC)  
Brenton, Irwin  
Brown, Everett W. Jr.  
Burbank, Nelson  
Burnham, Franklin  
Cail, Max E.  
Callahan, Joseph G.  
Callan, Arthur B. Jr.  
Callan, Steve  
Campbell, William F. Jr.  
Carleton, James H.  
Carney, John P.  
Carter, Herbert Jr.  
Carter, James  
Castine, George  
Castine, Kenneth  
Cate, Frank C. Jr.  
Childs, Richard D.  
Clancey, Edward C.  
Clapperton, Alexander  
Cook, Chester A. Jr.  
Coombs, Kenneth M.  
Coombs, Robert B.  
Coombs, Russell  
Crosby, Elizabeth (R.N.)  
Crowell, Roscoe  
Colford, Gerald  
Cox, Eugene R.  
Cutcliffe, Kenneth  
Dacey, Charles R.  
Dacey, Frederick F.  
Dacey, William D.  
Davis, Charles P.  
Davis, Harold F. Sr.  
Davis, William M.  
Day, Frederick  
Delong, Earle E.  
Devaney, John E.  
Dinsmore, Albert L.  
Dobbins, John H.  
Dobbins, Lester A.  
Dobbins, Norman  
Doucette, Francis P.  
Doucette, Walter  
Doughty, Charles F.  
Downs, Richard H.  
Downs, Steward H.  
Drew, Lawrence  
Dugan, Richard F.  
Dulong, Fred J.  
Dulong, James A.  
Dunn, George R.  
Emery, Lawrence W.  
Finos, Lawrence A.

## IN MEMORIAM

Bird, Russell  
Cobb, Richard  
De Merritt, Robert E.  
Ingersoll, Henry  
Kimball, Parker  
Parry, Charles E.

Low, Stanley H.  
MacDonald, John A.  
MacDougall, Charles A.  
Madden, Ross F.  
Mansell, Donald S.  
Mansfield, Raymond O.  
Marchetti, Frank F.  
Marshall, Herman L.  
Mason, Ralph J. Jr.  
McSheehy, George M.  
Melendy, Harold A.  
Melendy, Ralph E.  
Merrill, Richard E.  
Merritt, Henry C.  
Muise, Roswell J.  
McQuestion, Gilbert S.  
Nelson, Harley C.  
Nelson, Edwin M.  
Nichols, Harry N.  
Nichols, Paul N.  
Nichols, Raymond A.  
Nichols, Robert F.  
Noone, Raymond D.  
Norton, Frank W.  
Norton Irene (Army Nurse Corps).  
Nyman, Joseph C.  
O'Brien, John E.  
O'Brien, Lawrence M.  
O'Donnell, William M.  
Olson, Charles J.  
Parker, Philip G.  
Perkins, Dana R.  
Pine, Roger W. Jr.  
Pomeroy, Ralph K.  
Pratt, Robert W.  
Ratchford, Thomas H.  
Ray, Esther F. (WAAC)  
Rees, Arthur F. (Jap Prisoner)  
Rees, Charles T.  
Rees, George G.  
Rees, William H.  
Richardson, Charles L. Jr.  
Richman, Edith V. (R. N.)  
Richman, John G.  
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Stephanian, Michael  
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Sweetser, Allan A.  
Taylor, Stewart F.  
Tebeau, Frank S.  
Tebeau, George L.  
Tedenian, George W.  
Thieme, Homer A.  
Tooley, Henry J.  
Towle, Harley E. Jr.  
True, George C.  
True, Richard A.  
Turner, Kenneth R.  
Watson, George H.  
Watson, Robert J.  
Weadick, Richard A.

# O'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave!

Weafer, John J.  
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White, Elmer F.  
White, Lawrence J.  
White, Norman  
White Robert  
White, Russell J.  
White, Wilfred H.  
Whitford, Russell E.  
Whitten, James F. Jr.  
Wilay, Douglass  
Williamson, Alexander  
Winn, Lawrence W.  
Vail, Joseph  
Zitzow, Harold

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Aglio, Francis  
Ames, Orlando E. Jr.  
Anderson, Albert C. Jr.  
Archer, Fred V. B.  
Barrett, Christopher  
Barstow, Merton C. Jr.  
Batchelder, Emerson R.  
Bates, Howard  
Batten, George W.  
Beaudry, Edward  
Bowers, William A.  
Boyd, Allen W.  
Boyers, Stanley R.  
Bradley, Edward P.  
Brennan, Francis G.  
Brennan, George E.  
Brogan, Irvin C.  
Brown, James D.  
Brown, Kenneth  
Burgland, Ruth (R. N.)  
Burhoe, Donald I.  
Cail, James B. Jr.  
Carder, Joseph  
Carney, Bartholemew J. Jr.  
Carroll, Charles  
Carter, Donald C.  
Carter, Junius N.  
Cate, Lawrence A.  
Chisholm, Lloyd  
Clark, Edward A.  
Classen, Thomas  
Colby, Carroll N.  
Collins, Edward  
Collins, Joseph  
Collins, Walter R.  
Comley, James J.  
Connely, Helen (WAVE)  
Conron, William  
Cook, A Douglass  
Crooker, Richard H.  
Crosby, Robert  
Cullington, Robert F.  
Cummings, Gerald E.  
Davis, Charles R.  
Davis, Franklin S.  
Davis, Phillip W.  
Davis, Roger L.  
Dewey, Donald L.  
Dewsnap, William H. Jr.  
Doucette, Arthur F.  
Doucette, Melvin N.  
Doucette, Stephen I.  
Douglass, Donald L.  
Dow, Everett R.  
Eisenhaure, John  
Ellison, Chester A.  
Ellison, Stanley E.  
Emerson, Louis E.  
Farr, Arthur E.

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Althoff, Philip W.  
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Radvilas, Arthur E.  
Spencer, Arthur L.  
Taylor, Russell P.

Fife, D. Truesdale  
Folsom, Charles E.  
Foster, Arthur  
Fraughton, Clarence A.  
Frilander, William E.  
Frotten, Ralph  
Gay, Clarence G.  
Glover, Kenneth B.  
Gordon, William L.  
Greene, Leonard C.  
Guild, Benjamin  
Guild, Daniel  
Harris, Myrtle (R. N.)  
Hegarty, John  
Herrick, Ralph  
Higgins, Clarence B. Jr.  
Higgins, Miles C. Jr.  
Hill, Stephen C.  
Hitchcock, Robert  
Hodson, R. Douglass  
Howard, James H.  
Irons, Harry R.  
Johnson, Robert H.  
Keene, Edward B. Jr.  
Keene, Richard B.  
Larrabee, Robert N.  
Lloyd, George W.  
Lloyd, Norman M.  
Long, G. Burton  
Lougee, Robert G.  
Lovejoy, Ralph W.  
Lydstone, William T. Jr.  
Mack, John A.  
MacLeod, M. Ross  
Marchetti, George  
Mason, Robert G.  
Masters, Parke W.  
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Perry, Walter  
Pierce, Richard H.  
Poland, Orville F.  
Richman, Jacob  
Rose, Anthony J.  
St. Hilaire, David Jr.

Scott, Paul  
Sletterinck, Donald G.  
Stiles, Arthur F. Jr.  
Struss, Thornton  
Sullivan, John W.  
Thornton, Francis  
Thornton, William  
Toussaint, Clifford  
Toussaint, Wilfred  
Turner, Thomas J.  
Van Horne, Earl H.  
Young, Richard K.  
Ward, Wilfred  
Watkins, Gordon  
Weadick, George F.  
Webster, Charles L.  
Webster, Charles L.  
Weeks, Francis H.  
Weale, Kenneth M.  
White, Richard  
White, Thomas J.  
Williams, Douglass  
Williams, Roland K.  
Xavier, Harold F.

## "SEMPER PARATUS"

Brown, Ronald W. Jr.  
Burhoe, Donald I.  
Carder, Walter  
Crooker, Todd D.  
Henderson, Robert F.  
Holmes, Harold  
Hubbard, Herman L.  
Landry, Henry P.  
Lawler, Richard R.  
Marshall, Edward S.  
Maxwell, Albert C.  
Mussels, Roger C.  
Putnam, John A.  
Putnam, Robert E.  
Ralston, Russell  
Sias, Howard M.  
Tine, Anthony  
Wescott, Donald C.  
Whelpley, George E.  
Zwicker, Leland J.

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Baisley, Donald  
Carter, Ralph  
Collins, John P.  
Crooker, John H.  
Day, John  
De Rosa, Rudolph  
Henderson, Richard W.  
Holden, Carl E.  
Hole, William Jr.  
Jacob, Thomas L.  
Kelley, James  
Merrill, Joseph  
Moulton, Arthur D. Jr.  
Nichols, Donald M.  
Nichols, Roger  
Phillips, Henry A.  
Schofield, Walter  
Stevens, Richard  
Taylor, Robert B.  
Webster, Richard  
Webster, Richard B.  
White, Donald W.

## "MERCHANT MARINE"

Ryan, Wesley  
Stark, Walter



Senior Class Officers



# Speeches

## THE TORCH ORATION

The torch which I hold in my hand was given to me by the President of the class of 1942. Here at Reading High School it is traditional for the graduating President of the Senior Class to pass the torch on to the incoming President.

This torch personifies the spirit of freedom and knowledge which we Americans hold most dear.

With our personal lives being affected more and more every day by this present conflict, we are doubly conscious of the sacred meaning of the words "freedom and knowledge."

I think that the class of 1943 has indeed done its part in carrying on the traditions embodied in this torch. We have approximately 20 boys in the service of their country and many more will soon follow. These patriotic young men are showing their devotion to their country and loved ones by personally meeting the enemy. Who knows, perhaps at this very moment, as we conduct this graduation, some of our own seniors may be risking their very lives for us and the things we hold dear!

The girls of our class also are doing their part. Approximately 25 of our number have gone into jobs which are aiding the war effort considerably!

When this great world conflict is over and the period of reconstruction begins, the nations of the world are going to look to America for guidance. We must be sure that we ourselves can give the material and spiritual help so vitally needed. The ideals for which this torch stands are the only answer. If we fail them all is lost, but if we succeed our efforts will be duly rewarded.

It is with these thoughts in mind, that I present to you, Edward Knudson, the incoming president of the Class of 1944, this torch. We wish you every success in your journey with it and trust that you will never let it escape your sight; but that you will hold it ever before you as an ever-burning flame of comfort and inspiration!

Donald Clapperton

## A JOB FOR ALL

Through the years as a student prepared to venture out into the world, to fashion his own independent future, the question foremost in his mind has been, "What are the opportunities which await me following my high school career?" In the past, the answer to that question would have been somewhat of a complex problem, for the fields open to job-seekers have not been too large or varied, at least not until the last few years. I'll admit that as America developed, so did the advantages for her youth, but the opportunities which have arisen in the past three or four years far surpass all previous records, so that the graduation from a life on the farm, to thousands of varied positions in the industrial and professional worlds, seem like a revolutionary transition.

Today as our country is engaged in a world wide conflict, our question takes on two separate phrases:

1. Post Graduation Opportunities

## 2. Post War Opportunities

As to the first category, we realize that some of the graduates are girls and boys too young to be taken in the armed forces. An unemployment problem for them should not exist, for business concerns are crying for help. A glance at the classified section of the local newspaper will verify this fact.

As for the greater section of the graduating class—the young men eligible for the armed forces—countless openings are available to them.

Due to the requirements of our mechanized equipment, almost every soldier and sailor will be provided with a specialized training which will not only fortify him for the present conflict, but also for a position in the Post War Industries.

Let us now look ahead to the future following the war. The reconstruction period should provide jobs for millions at home and abroad. The civilian industries in America will all have to be revived, requiring thousands of men and women to swing into production again.

Countless opportunities await us! Today, more than at any time in our history, approximately 100% of the graduates of public schools should and will have no difficulty in securing a creditable place in the world.

Kenneth C. Bushway, Valedictorian

## HATS OFF!

Along the street there comes  
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums  
A flash of color beneath the sky

Hats off!  
The flag is passing by!  
Blue and crimson and white it shines  
Over the steel-tipped ordered lines

Hats off!  
The colors before us fly;  
But more than a flag is passing by;

Far more than a flag is passing; the shining white stripes speak to us of the pure, clean courage of our young men; the red is the fresh young blood which so many will be called upon to shed; the blue promises us that the sacrifice of lives shall not be in vain for justice and right will triumph over all. There are not enough stars to account for each individual hero who is steadfastly following his country's banner, but community service flags all over the country record with pride the total youth now marching by. They are your sons, our classmates, who are marching toward

Sea fights and land fights, grim and great  
Fought to make and to save the State  
Weary marches and sinking ships  
Cheers of victory on dying lips  
Days of plenty and years of peace  
March of a strong land's swift increase  
Equal justice, right and law

Stately honor and reverend awe;  
To this kind of country our boys must return. A country symbolized by old glory which promises days

of plenty and the supremacy of justice and liberty.

So when the flag comes by, look proudly at the banner in your hearts that this flag shall never be lowered nor that these young sons of the nation shall be sacrificed in vain.

So hats off!

The flag is passing by!

Betty Hoffer, Salutatorian

#### FIRST LADY OF OUR LAND

So calm and serene she stood on this beautiful sunny morning—a huge, softly-draped figure against a background of tall, sharp-angled concrete giants. She looked the same as always, except for the fact that there were fewer people gathered at her feet and the larger proportion of the admiring throng were men in uniform.

It was only at night that one noticed the real change. No longer was her torch lighted. No longer did a powerful gleam shine out to sea to guide ships. All was darkness. But what did it matter if circumstances prohibited her lamp from nurturing of flame? Invisible beams from her torch shone nevertheless across the sea, to nestle in the hearts of conquered people. What difference did it make if less people actually saw her? Now, more than ever her image was cherished by people all over the world, by her sons and daughters in Iceland, England, Africa, and the South Pacific; by starved and angry people in France, Denmark, Poland and Norway; by Chinese, Jews, Russians and Americans; by all thinking mankind, regardless of creed or race. Nothing, not even a blackout, can dim the light of freedom. Nothing, except death itself, can erase the love of liberty from the human heart.

In the peaceful years to come, many travellers will greet her joyously as ships steam back into port, but there will be many of her progeny who have saluted her commanding presence for the last time—perhaps her name, liberty—will lave their dying lips.

No matter what the coming years may bring, Lady Liberty will still be there, her torch aloft, a burning symbol to all conquered nations of the freedom and peace to come—the peace which is beyond all understanding.

Althea Crilley, Faculty Honors

#### IRRESPONSIBLE YOUTH

Every now and then during our youth, we've heard such ejaculations as "Oh this modern generation!" and "When we were young, we never thought of such things!" We've merely laughed at these remarks, but inside us, there's a streak of sensitive rebellion which insists that, in spite of our carefree attitude, we do have a serious side. We do have the resourcefulness and willingness to meet the problems which face us today.

Before our boys went to Guadalcanal and Tunisia, they were much like the boys in this class. In their high school days, they thought about "jam sessions," "eokes" and touchdowns. Yet when a crisis came they had the fortitude to think about life and death, justice and liberty.

Ask your son why he elected some of the subjects that he studied in his senior year in high school. He

knows what he's going to do with that knowledge of physics that he has gained. You may have noticed that he paid more attention to his school work this last year than he did in his junior and sophomore years.

When the war is over, it will be our generation that must rebuild the nation—set it on its feet again. We realize this; even when we're grouped around the juke box at Torre's listening to "that terrible racket the youngsters call 'swing'." We realize it, and we want to do something about it. Think it over—is youth care-free and ignorant of reality, or is it, perhaps, storing up happiness and memories to remember when we're converting our irresponsibility to productivity in winning the war?

Jean Maguire, Faculty Honors

#### THE CHALLENGE TO POST WAR AMERICA

Post war plans, proposals, and propositions by the score are being presented to the public for its consideration. Most of these plans will never assume important places in negotiations, but they do contain good sound basic ideas. Before the nation will be capable of solving international issues, it must formulate a realistic domestic policy that will stand the test here at home.

President Conant of Harvard suggests that a new "American radical" would supply many of these ideas. This American radical would look to Thomas Jefferson as his ideal, and would characteristically be an enthusiastic proponent of equal opportunity, be indifferent toward salary ceilings, champion public education under local responsibility, and work enthusiastically for decentralization of the government.

These men, preparing our future, will have some extreme ideas, but their good common-sense theories if organized, will form a firm foundation for a lasting peace and permanent assurance of the Four Freedoms outlined by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in the Atlantic Charter. The charter, as you well know, provides for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want, and freedom from fear.

The main principles behind these Four Freedoms have been entirely obliterated in the conquered countries. It is, therefore, our duty to hold them in active trust until impartial, competent statesmen can see that their privileges are properly and permanently bestowed upon the entire world.

Richard Dill, Class Honors

#### WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE POST-WAR WORLD

When peace comes we must be prepared to meet its problems. A sensible approach to these problems is to ask what kind they are. I think they deal with people. For instance, how shall we feed the living skeletons of foreign countries? Will we crush the people of the Axis as did the people of the Central Powers?

Who is it who will be best prepared to meet the problems of the peace? The boys of our generation will have been training for war. The men overseas will not have had the opportunity to study problems peculiar to the peace.

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DANA ALWARD

Here is Dana who resides in Reading, but can be seen in Stoneham a good part of the time. As a member of the properties committee of the Senior Play, Dana raced around securing everything from tubas to old rubbers. He is a staunch member of De-Molay, and his pet peeves are hard butter and bleached blondes. "He Wears a Pair of Golden Wings" will be Dana's theme song next year, if all goes well.



RUTH AMBACK

Buppy, one of our most ambitious classmates, has been an ardent member of the Tri-Hi, has successfully managed the poster committee for the dances, and pursued the College Course. Art has been her favorite subject, and her hobbies include making her own clothes and playing the piano and organ. This summer Buppy intends to work; for next year she will study at the Rhode Island School of Design; some day to become an interior decorator.



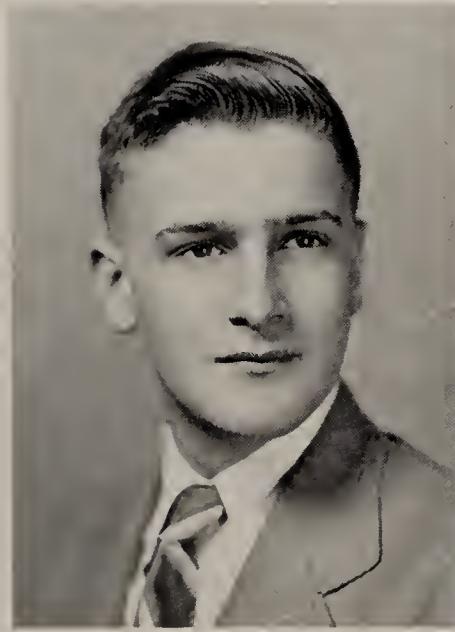
OTIS ANDERSON

Have you ever walked into Hood's and seen a "Thin Man" in a white coat? Well, that was none other than Andy. Certainly, you remember the Hi-Y boy, whom we saw walking in and out of Mr. Bradley's office in the senior play. Andy has been casually pursuing a College Course and declares that English has been his favorite subject. Nosey customers peeve Otis, and after graduation, he plans to enter the Coast Guard.



BERRY ARNOLD

Bonesy is one of Reading High's musicians, seen every Saturday with the Band at football games. He has taken the Accounting Course and chemistry has been his favorite class. In his senior year, he was elected Co-captain of the soccer team, but when it was discontinued, he became a mainstay of the Cross Country team. A member of De-Molay and the National Rifle Association, Berry looks forward to being in the Naval Air Corps.



GEORGE ARNOLD

Advanced learning appealed to George, so he left us early to go to Boston University in the Navy V-I program. At R. H. S. George liked chemistry and physics best, and ably portrayed Mr. Ferguson in our senior play. He found time for soccer, A Capella choir, and DeMolay. Outside the school, his main interest has been photography. George expects to be called July first and plans to be a travelling salesman in post-war days.



RANDALL ARTHUR

Ranny belongs to the diminutive students at Reading High. He is fond of hunting, fishing, and playing the piano. Randall plays a good game of tennis, but corny jokes and homework get under his skin. Although "Two-Gun" has taken the College Course, with chemistry as his favorite subject, he plans to join the Army after graduation, where his clever handling of a rifle will stand him in good stead.



EDNA BARMBY

Edna swims, plays basketball, cans, gardens, knits and hooks rugs. She has received several 4-H honors and is owner and manager of Ed's Poultry Farm. Edna has found time for basketball, and has capably captained the hockey team, belonged to Student Council, and Tri-Hi. While taking the College Course, Edna found that math was her favorite subject. After graduation, she plans to attend the University of Maine.



ARTHUR BANCROFT, JR.

Art, a quiet young man, has faithfully pursued the Scientific Course during his high school career. Butch has won his letter as a crack shot in the Rifle Club. Art's other activities include traffic squad, Hi-Y, and the senior play. Junie's also an accomplished organist and holds the post of Organist in DeMolay. Math III with Fitzie was his favorite subject. Next year, he'll attend Northeastern and study Electrical Engineering.



PHYLLIS BARR



ANNE BARRETT



ROGER BATCHELDER



ROBERT BEAUMONT

Phyl, among our best-dressed co-eds, was one of the year's vivacious cheerleaders. She was treasurer of Tri-Hi, belonged to the Student Council, member of Junior Woman's Executive Board, basketball team, and riding club. She has taken the College Course and plans to enter Stephens College in the fall. Her pet passions are her little black Tarry and her little black Olds.

Anne is one of the students following the Classical Course. She is a mathematical wizard, who surprises everyone with her miraculous solutions. Besides her scholastic achievements, Anne has not been too busy to play field hockey, basketball, and tennis in a spectacular manner. Anne was Sport's Editor of the **Pioneer**. After graduation, she plans to attend Emmanuel College.

Fink, the lad who manages to get to school one minute too late, claims it's easy to arrive on time. Roger completed the Accounting Course and math has been his favorite subject. He does not like to get up early and warns you not to leave your keys in your car because he likes driving. At present Batch is hard at work cutting wood. After graduation, Roger plans to enter the Air Corps.

Flash! The dashing fellow with the wavy red hair is graduating from Reading High. Carrot Tops has completed the Civic Preparatory Course and lists his favorite periods as lunch and study. If a medal were to be given out to the fellow who has been most mischievous, Bob would certainly be the winner. His pet peeves are stuck up girls and long rest periods in the office. Rosy plans to join the marines after graduation.



BRUCE BENSON



ROBERT BERGLUND



GEORGE BOYCE



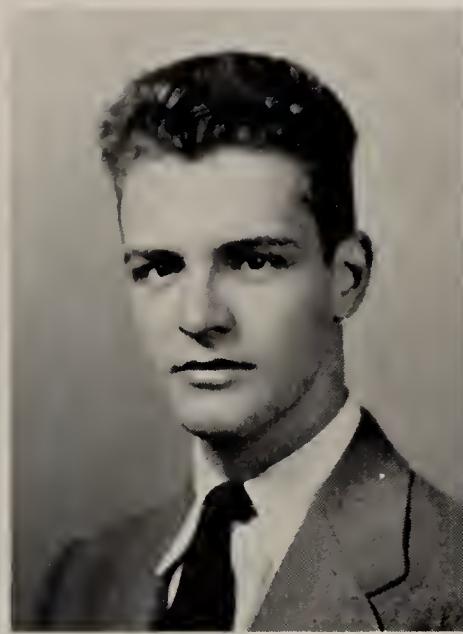
FRANK BRENNAN

As a newcomer to the Senior class, Bruce has taken the Scientific Course, and enjoyed pilot's math the most. Although now in the Navy, Ben is still very much interested in the activities of Reading High. Eventually Bruce hopes to be able to join the Naval Air Corps which is certainly a worthy ambition. Tall, blonde, and handsome is our three word description of Ben.

Buggy, is one of the quiet fellows at Reading High. He has been taking the shop course and may be seen every morning making his way over to the Junior High. He has enjoyed Practical Science class with Mr. Blanchard most of all. His pet peeves sound familiar; homework and notebooks. After he finishes school, Robert plans to work until after October, when he expects to follow his brother into the Army.

George is better known to his classmates as Snipe. He is taking the Civic Preparatory Course, and his favorite subject is mathematics. Snipe's hobbies are sports, especially baseball, and his pet peeves are women and waking up early in the morning. After graduating this June, Snipe plans to work on the Boston and Maine. Last summer he worked at Torre's. His future intention is to get married and settle down.

Time: 8:16, Place: Middlesex Avenue. Look out, here comes Frank! He'll probably make it, just as he has the Civic Preparatory Course. He does his pilot's math in the second period study and finds the answers on the Sports Page of the morning paper. Frank is a rabid basketball player and fan. Frank worked at the Post Office and Reading Theatre. After graduation, will join his pals in the Fighting Forces.



RICHARD BROWN



EVA BRUCE



ANNA BURBINE



THOMAS BURBINE

Brownie is not only tall and handsome but also one of our best dressed students. He has been pursuing the Accounting Course, but claims his best period has been lunch. After school hours, we may find him among his buddies, holding up the library wall or sitting on the Common. During vacations and on occasional weekends, Brownie may be seen trudging from door to door, with a mail bag over his shoulders.

"There's a song in the air"—yes, if Eva is around, there is always some melody. Records and swing are obviously her hobbies, but chewing gum is also a major occupation. Harry James is her pet peeve. Catching up with the Secretarial Course has kept her busy at R. H. S. With this preparation, Eva hopes to find herself a good job after June ninth.

Here comes Anna—the capable bookkeeper and secretary of Kenney's Gulf station. She hopes to go to Art School after graduation, or else become a more competent business woman. Long fingernails, 9:20 Club, singing, dancing, ice-skating and many other interests keep her busy outside of school. We all wish she would make use of her grand singing voice, which she keeps hidden away.

At the senior play, Tom was one of the stage hands who opened curtains and set up scenery. He was also one of the busy authors of the Class Prophecy. While taking the Civic Preparatory Course, his favorite class has been art. Tom bowls, plays tennis, and skates. Burp objects to homework and finds time for frequent trips to Stoneham. Tom intends to join the Navy and later find a government position.



KENNETH BUSHWAY



RUSSELL CARTER



ETHEL CHAPMAN



LOUISE CHARLES

Hail to our Valedictorian! Yes, Ken topped us all in scholarship, but that is not all. Our versatile and modest Ken was our capable Vice-president, a member of Hi-Y and DeMolay, captain of the traffic force, and an usher at the senior play. Besides all these, Ken works at the Gulf station, and after work, often comes home by way of Franklin St. Ken, our class mathematician, plans to go to M. I. T.

Russ will long be remembered for his portrayal of Vecchito, the itching Italian, in the senior play, "What A Life." He claims that his best moments of the year were spent at rehearsals, although he enjoyed playing in the band, too. His hobby is playing the saxophone. Mathematics has been his favorite subject and English the most unpopular. In the summer, Russ expects to enlist in either the Navy or the Merchant Marine.

Everyone knows Ethel, of senior play and Miss Shea fame with her friendly smile and happy disposition. Her main hobbies are bowling, dancing, and collecting clippings about Ted Williams. She is working in a Boston bank and plans to continue after graduation, although she claims her future intentions are undecided. She dislikes "two-faced friends," and likes bookkeeping, which is part of her Secretarial Course. She has an interest in Oklahoma.

Louise is the tall, blonde, slender shadow seen frequently around our corridors. Lou is ambitious and is taking the Clerical Course. Her favorite subjects are U. S. History and type. She is planning to go to Secretarial School next year and work during this summer. Horseback riding takes up some of her time, along with holding an office in Rainbow, and she claims her pet peeve is a long homework assignment.



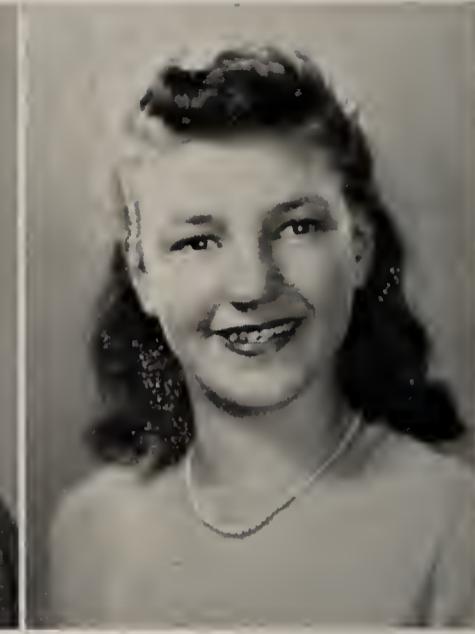
MARGARET CHARLES



DONALD CLAPPERTON



DONALD CONRON



BERYL COOK

Charlie has taken part in many school activities, including the Rifle Team, Publicity Committee of the senior play, and assistant Business Editor of the **Pioneer**; besides being an active member of Rainbow and president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. She's been taking a Classical Course and was fourth on our honor list. Her hobbies are music and drawing. Next year she plans to enter Wheaton to study the sciences.

Here we have Donald Clapperton, known for his efficiency as president of the senior class and for his fine work in Student Council. Donald, as one of our noted football players, received his sweater and letter. Don's happy nature has assisted him in his work as soda jerker, newsboy, grocery clerk, and machinist. In the Accounting Course he seems to enjoy Practical Science most. The future will find Don in Uncle Sam's employ and care.

Yes, here is good natured Don, whose heart is as big as can be. He has been taking the Comprehensive Course with plans of continuing at the University of Vermont. Latin, history, and mathematics have a special appeal to him. Brud is interested in music and has a collection of classical recordings. Besides his hobby, he finds time for other odd jobs around town. Loud radios and incomprehensible homework bother him immensely.

Bey has been taking the Secretarial Course, but found time for the tennis team, the riding club, Junior Woman's Club, and Rainbow. Her favorite class has been accounting. Beryl's hobby is attending movies and her pet peeve, homework. Bey has worked at the Five and Ten and Friend's. She received a pin for speed in typing and after graduation plans to work in a probate court as a secretary.



ROBERT COOPER



BARBARA COURSER

During the hockey season, Coop can be found at Sturgis', attired in one of his flashy shirts, skating after a puck. A member of DeMolay, Chick drives a tractor on a farm during the summer. English class was much entertained by Coop's facetious remarks. Perhaps that is why a certain woman teacher is his pet peeve. Coop is considering entering the University of Maine and later hopes to join the Army Air Corps.

Barb is a jive fan who would spend her last cent on a record or a chocolate frappe. Crusher insists that electricity is her bane in spite of her interest in physics class. Barb has struggled with the College Course since she joined us three years ago. She ably headed the Costume Committee for our senior play and upheld our class dances. Barb plans to acquire "a touch of Texas" at Texas State College for Women.



MARY COWHEY



ROBERT COWHEY

Mary left Reading High School early this year to make practical use of the knowledge acquired during her three years slaving over the Secretarial Course. She has accepted a position as a telephone operator, but still finds time to go dancing and to listen to the ever popular 9:20 club. Best of luck to you, Mary, and please don't give us any wrong numbers.

Pat's favorite subject, during his three years in the Civic Preparatory Course, has been physics. He likes to while away the hours listening to military band music. Robert has been working at Torre's and after graduation, he expects to enter Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Calisthenics have caused him greatest annoyance and he believes eighth period could be put to better use. After the war, Robert plans to become a policeman.



RUTH CRESS

Ruthie's favorite class is sixth period and it's a continued round of laughs, furnished by Wesie and Helen. She has participated in horseback riding and choir at R. H. S. Her pet peeve is this war. Rudy, as she is known to many, plans to go to a school for models this fall. Ruthie is very popular, but especially with a certain redhead. We hope she will be as successful in her chosen career.



ALTHEA CRILLEY

Basketball, tennis, hockey, and Student Council have kept Althea busy, but not too busy to earn Faculty Honors and be fifth in the graduating class. While pursuing a College Course, her favorite subject has been English, which she hopes someday to teach. Al's favorite hobby is reading and her pet peeves are snobbish people. She hopes to go to college next year.



GRETCHEN CROWELL

Peggy is one of our best natured classmates, and a follower of the Classical Course. If you need a professional sneezer, call on Peg, for she played the part in "What A Life." Peggy wrote many writeups for our year book and as an artist, is definitely proficient. Peggy is the president of the Sub-Deb Club. She is very proud of the Army Air Corps wings which she wears.



CHARLES CUMMINGS

Scoop, as Charlie is called, has completed the Civic Preparatory Course. Charlie is the youngest senior to have enlisted in the Marines. Scoop's pet peeve is tests, and we can't blame him too much. He enjoys third period as it is one of his two lunch periods, thanks to a senior friend. We hope Charlie will always retain his sense of humor and that the Marines will not change him.



WILLIAM CUNEO

Bill, newest man about town, joined our ranks this year and immediately won our friendship. Bill's favorite class has been the ever popular study period. His ambition is to be a gentleman farmer and he's already made a start at his home on Franklin Street. Bill rides horseback and chugs gaily around in the "jeep." We won't forget the time Bill forgot to wear his tux in the senior play.



PATRICIA CURTIN

Hear a giggle or someone chattering? That's Pat. She has been working in Boston and finds work much more interesting than studying. She has casually carried a College Course and much to everyone's delight made the honor roll. Patty enjoyed hockey and showed her true fighting spirit here. She also swings a mean tennis racket. Something influenced Pat to be an airplane spotter on Saturday afternoons.



CONSTANCE DAVIS

Here is our dark-eyed secretary, "Connie." A member of the College Course, she has enjoyed English and math especially. Connie is an officer in Rainbow and a member of Tri-Hi. We'll never forget the senior play. (Wasn't that a sharp gym suit?) She spends her spare time reading poetry and collecting war stamps. Connie's pet peeves are no cokes at Torre's and people's feet on her chair. In the fall, Connie plans to go in training.



JOAN DAVIS

If you should catch sight of a small brunette dashing around, it will be our figure of vim, and vitality, Joan. Although she has been busy with the Classical Course, she has taken time out for cheerleading, Tri-Hi, selling war stamps, horseback riding, and acting as Vice-President of Junior Woman's. Jo's barn parties are famous. J. J. has an extreme dislike for people who try to be peacemakers.



JOHN DAY

John left school in February to join one of the finest branches of the Armed Forces—the Marines. While he was here in school, he took the Civic Preparatory Course. Afternoons and weekends, John could be found riding around with Eddie or settling world affairs with Earline. John's main interest and hobby has been keeping a straight part in his miraculous hair.



MARY DEFERRARI

Mary is another member of the second period U. S. History Class who keeps Miss McKenzie on her toes. The Riding Club, Junior Woman's, and tennis tournaments have kept Mary busy during her years at R. H. S. She did her share of work on the **Pioneer** this year, as News Editor and typist. You have probably heard her called Deffa or Toots, since those are two nicknames by which everyone knows her. She plans to go to college in the fall.



DORIS DELONG

"Dot" is the vivacious blonde number who is so often seen with our football captain. She is a member of the riding club and a swimming and dancing fan. Dottie is an adept tap-dancer and entertains servicemen with a U. S. O. troupe. In her College Course, art and biology have been her favorites. Her pet peeve is a "man without a tie." After graduation Dot plans to go "Deep in the Heart of Texas."



WESLEY DEWHURST

Wes, our loyal traffic leader, has taken a "self made mechanical" course in preparation to become a mechanic on an aircraft carrier. Next September, Wes plans to join Uncle Sam's "Boys in Blue." in the meantime his interests will be limited to training in a machine shop in Lawrence and carrying out farm improvements around home. Stamp collecting is his hobby.



RICHARD DILL

Remember the fellow who called our Sophomore meetings to (dis)order? That was Richard. The basketball team and its opponents met at the Junior High on the same day, because Doc managed that energetic group. On the Senior Executive Board, his chief goal was to eliminate book reports and calisthenics periods, but in vain. Doc took the Accounting Course throughout his high school daze, was a member of DeMolay and received class honors.



SHIRLEY DODGE

Shirley's been taking the Secretarial Course and, considering that she already has a position waiting for her after graduation, we'd say she's accomplished her purpose. Stenography has been her favorite subject in school, while tennis and swimming have taken up much of her time outside. To keep in Shirley's good graces, don't ever say anything against the Navy, because that is where her heart belongs.



JEAN DONEGAN

A small girl with a pleasing smile, that's Donny. She's taking the Civic Preparatory Course and come June ninth, she's going to hang her diploma on the wall and retire. She adds for "other information", that she can recite the alphabet backward and wiggle her ears. The only honor that she's received is five hours' detention. Her best period is lunch, and she wants her teachers to know that in the future she plans to learn to write!



JUNE DORAN

At 2:30 the bell rings, and June comes dashing out for a quick coke at Torre's and then to the stock room at the "five and ten." She enjoys her math class very much, and her pet peeve is getting up in the morning. Like most girls, in the future, she has visions of matrimony. Until such a time, June hopes to secure a position in an office.



GERTRUDE DOUCETTE



LAWRENCE DOUCETTE



PAULINE DOUCETTE



RICHARD DOUCETTE

Dolly has participated in hockey, basketball, and chorus here in high school. While studying the Nurse's Course, she has particularly enjoyed biology, gym, and commercial geography. She has a yen to become a doctor, but believes she will have to be content with a nurse's career. She likes to collect articles on medical science and surgery. At present, she is working at the Coffee Cup.

Everywhere one sees the band or orchestra, one discovers Larry. It is no wonder music is his favorite pastime. As a Junior, he won the R. H. S. Badminton Championship and for the past year he has served as a faithful member of the Traffic Force. Lawrence has also worked after school in the Post Office. He has completed the Civic Preparatory Course, and after graduation, he expects Uncle Sam to call him.

Polly is the girl around school who is a friend to all. She has enjoyed typewriting and found the scrap drives particularly intriguing. Polly's future intentions are quite definite—marriage. We have tried to find out who gave her the nickname "Sugar", but she won't tell us. This senior's hobby is writing letters to Puerto Rico and it must be a thrill to get one in answer every day.

Dick, a rabid pursuer of the Civic Preparatory Course, actually enjoys studying mathematics and is commonly known as Salty. He works in the Guillows model airplane factory in Wakefield and has also worked in the Navy Yard. Dick flipped a pigskin around the R. H. S. gridiron for a while, but he claims that he was too often mistaken for part of the football equipment. Zip wants to be a high-flying Army Air Corps pilot.



PHYLLIS DOUGLAS



DAVID DOW



ELMER DYKENS



VIRGINIA ELDREDGE

Phyllis, a seemingly quiet blonde (don't call her Blondie, though), is in reality very lively and full of fun. Phyl can frequently be found in the movies, when she isn't riding in an automobile. (Guess Phyl misses those rides now). She has followed the Clerical Course, while here in school, and English has been her favorite subject. After graduation, Phyl plans to work.

Dave, a tall good-looking fellow, was on the basketball team for three years and played first string center in his senior year. He has been active around school in Student Council and Hi-Y, nevertheless, he has found time for basketball and tennis. His pet peeve is having to get a haircut. Art and U. S. History have been Dave's favorite subjects while taking the Comprehensive Course at R. H. S. He plans to go to Northeastern.

Elmer left January fourth to join the Coast Guard. He took the Civic Preparatory Course here at Reading High, and performed his good deed each week by taking charge of a troop of cub scouts. He often spent his free afternoons sailing his own boat on Lake Quannapowitt. This training and experience acquired should help him greatly now in battling the great salt waves.

Ginnie is one of the quietest girls in our class, but when she says something, it's usually worth listening to. As a member of the A Capella Choir, she participated in one of her favorite pastimes—singing. Playing the guitar and reading, help to keep Virginia happy. Two of her pet peeves are gumsnappers and silly girls. Ginger has taken the Nurses' Course and enjoyed Science and English.



**ALICE ELLIS**

Here we introduce you to a petite co-ed, one of our beauteous cheerleaders who certainly added pep and charm to the squad. If you see a dark-haired girl, weaving dance steps to the lure of T. D.'s trombone—that will be Allie. She thinks he's tops. She plans to follow up a career; it will be a successful one we are sure, for her winning smile will certainly be an asset to any future plans.



**GEORGE FENNELLY**

Students, here is George, better known to most of us as Fenn. George is one of the most versatile and most capable athletes of our class. He was "Captain Fennelly" of the football and baseball teams in 1942 and 1943. George successfully put up a struggle to come out on top of the Civic Preparatory Course. His favorite periods are spent in the Study Hall and his unpopular moments in Room 4 at 2:30—need we say more?



**MARY FERRICK**

Mary is often seen typing in Room 5. Since typing has been her favorite subject, we don't wonder. She has completed the Secretarial Course and hopes to further her education in the business world. She likes the football and basketball games, and as soon as she leaves school, plans to work in a lawyer's office. Who knows, maybe some day she will be private secretary to some famous personality.



**EDWARD FITZGERALD**

Whenever one thinks of basketball, one thinks of Fitzy, our most noted basketball player, famous as high scorer of the Middlesex League, and receiver of a second and third year letter and award. He took the Accounting Course and Coach Taylor and history with Miss McKenzie provided his school enjoyment. Girls who smoke, plus calisthenics are his pet peeves. Fitzy has been a clerk in the First National.



**PAUL FITZGERALD**

After school you'll find "Chicken" at the Meadowbrook Golf Club or Levaggi's (he works there). Although his pet peeve is studying, he has struggled through the Scientific Course; his favorite subject being Math with Mr. Halpin. He also has been a member of the pre-war golf team. During last summer he has worked as a bus boy or a waiter. When he recovers from his accident, he hopes to go to Coast Guard Academy.



**CAROLINE FOSTER**

"Kay" has been a member of the hockey, basketball, and tennis teams, as well as belonging to Tri-Hi. She pursues a College Course, electing chemistry and Latin as her favorite subjects. Kay's hobby is sports, and her pet peeves are show-offs and little brothers. After graduation, she intends to go to business school and if the war's still on, she'd like to enlist in the WAVES or MARINES.



**THOMAS FOSTER**

Tom, quiet lad, has chosen mathematics as his favorite subject. It is fortunate that he enjoys the latter, for it will stand him in good stead when he gets into the Army Air Corps. His other interests are mechanics and electronics. Tom has worked as a lumberman and when he finishes "flying them," he can return to that peaceful pursuit.



**WINIFRED FOWLE**

Winnie, one of our talented pianists, belongs to a U.S.O. unit, teaches piano lessons and accompanies a local dancing teacher. Homework and lads who are late for dates are her pet peeves. She has participated in A Capella Choir, Chorus, A. A., and The Junior Woman's Club. Remember her as "Miss Johnson" in "What a Life," and the "open house" given afterwards.



DORIS GADBOIS

Dot has won a College Course diploma, and has especially enjoyed her typewriting classes. Dot likes to knit and read and already the Red Cross has received finished articles from this busy young lady. In her spare moments, Dot has taken care of children and after graduation, intends to find a position as a dictaphone operator. Dot is a girl after our own heart, for she claims she has no pet peeves.



EARLINE GAW

Practically every day, one sees Earl calmly entering school about 8:17 A. M. She hopes to have a nice large family. Woolworth had her smiling face for a while. She's rather enjoyed her Clerical Course at school. Earl has rather a unique hobby—boys. One of her pet peeves is conceited people. As yet, she hasn't any plans for the immediate future, but we're sure that wonderful things are in store for her.



JEAN GEARY

Jean has taken the Secretarial Course during her three years at Reading High School. Type has been her favorite subject and she plans to make good use of her training by working in an office. Jean keeps very busy at home but finds time now and then to attend a really good movie. Jean is very proud of her brother Paul who is now in the Navy!



PAUL GEARY

Paul has been on the football team for three years and received a sweater and a letter. He won't be wearing the sweater much this year, because he has joined the Navy. His favorite subject has been typewriting. Boogie-woogie piano playing has a certain fascination for Paul. He used to work at the bowling alleys and when not setting up pins, he spent his time knocking them down.



JEAN GLEASON

Here's a little Miss, who'll be sure to make the University of New Hampshire sit up and take notice. Jean has been on our Pioneer staff for three years, an able student Council representative, and a member of our pre-war riding club. Her favorite sport is skating, but much of her time at present is spent behind a counter at Jordan Marsh Co. Jean plans to take an office job this summer, and be off to college in the fall.



RICHARD GOODWIN

Dick is a new member of the Senior class and has taken the Civic Preparatory Course. His plans after graduation are definitely decided, for Dick has passed his exams for the Army Air Corps. Dick found time to work at the ice house and be a shipper's clerk in Boston. Who can forget Dick's lettuce green coupe whizzing up and down the streets of Reading, before the gas rationing?



NATALIE GRAY

A brown bolt streaking past might easily be piloted by Nat. She was on the first basketball team, and worked both on the Property and Program Committees of the senior play. Nat has taken the Secretarial Course and likes art very much. She hopes to go to a school for models in Boston, and we know she will succeed. Nat and her little shadow "Kell," better known as "Mutt and Jeff," have made R. H. S. a lively place.



PATRICIA GRAY

Whiz! Pat dashes by in her "little bus." Pat has been an enthusiastic member of our basketball team, participated in tennis, was a member of the Pioneer staff, and treasurer of Tri-Hi. Her pet peeve is "catty" girls while her hobbies include horseback riding and swimming. Her favorite subject has been chemistry, which she hopes to continue, in the Nursing Course at the University of New Hampshire.



JOSEPH GRIFFIN



RUSSELL GUNN



MARY HALLORAN



BETTE HAM

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a man; it's the superman of the First National Super Market. Joe, or "Snuffy," has not selected a definite vocation but he plans to be a success at whatever he tries. Giddy persons don't fit with Joe. His hobbies are shows, games, and sports. He has the remarkable trait of liking all the subjects in his Business Course. His military ambition is to be in the United States Services as a Supermarine.

Ladies and gentlemen, presenting that popular, "sharp as a matzo ball," student—Russell Gunn. Trombone playing, fooling with electricity, DeMolay, and scout work, are but a few of his outside activities. If Mr. Pope's face has worn a haggard expression this year and if his forehead lines have deepened a bit, blame it on physicist Gunn. Rusty's future plans are in the hands of Uncle Sam, and the Navy.

Sis has taken a Civic Preparatory Course for the past three years, and has enjoyed it very much. Her favorite subjects are type and study. She enjoys dancing, bowling, and listening to the radio, and she admires the Navy, we know. Her pet peeve is doing homework, and getting up in the morning. Her plans for the future are indefinite as yet. It will either be a defense job or business school. But whatever it is, we know she will succeed.

Ham may be rationed, but Bette's enthusiasm and personality definitely are not. The football team will tell you what an inspiration the cheerleaders were, but how could they fail with Bette leading them on? The class of '42 recognized her talent by choosing her Junior Girl, and the Tri-Hi Club had Liz as its chaplain this year. Bette will till the toil this summer and start to learn dietetics from the ground up.



SHIRLEY HATCH



RUTH HIGGINS



GLENN HODSON



ELIZABETH HOFFER

Well, Shirley is only a little girl, but she always has an answer ready for anybody. Her hobbies are singing and dancing. The little Irish lass has a lot of pep and is hardly ever serious; that is, about school work. Her outside interests keep her occupied. We hear she expects a sparkling engagement ring in June. Shirl intends to become a nurse, soon after June ninth.

Did you hear the prompter at the senior play? Well, that was Ruth. She was the student director of the play and did a fine job. Among her other activities, Ruth enjoys riding. Her after graduation plans are to take a trip to Mount Ada. She dislikes boys who wear polo shirts and sports coats. Her favorite subject is history. Whatever career she may follow, her enthusiasm will undoubtedly make her successful.

Glenn was the Beau Brummel of the senior play. Do you recall his curtain call? Besides his superb performance in "What A Life," Glenn has been a member of the traffic squad and the rifle team. His hobbies are guns and shooting, and he has received some medals for his excellent marksmanship. Glenn dislikes long assignments over the weekends and girls who comb their hair in class.

Being a member of the basketball, hockey, and tennis teams hasn't hindered Betty from becoming salutatorian of the class. An enthusiastic and conscientious worker, she manages to succeed in whatever she undertakes. Betty pursues a College Course and has enjoyed her Latin classes the most. Sewing and sports are her hobbies and her pet peeves are show-offs. Betty hopes to be a civil interpreter or teacher in the future.



WILLIAM HOLE

We all remember Mr. Bradley of "What a Life." Bill is one of our patriotic boys, who left in March to enter the service. He is now in the United States Marine Corps. Rink played tackle on the Reading High football team and helped rip up the opposing line. Bill took the Scientific Course and his favorite subject was mathematics under the skillful guidance of Mr. Halpin. Give those Japs the old "one-two" for us.



BERT HOWE

Lemuel, alias Bert Howe, is the star tuba player of R. H. S. He has played in the Orchestra and Band and still has had time to be on the Rifle team. Math and the Scientific Course have proved to be Bert's main interest, while his hobbies are revolvers and skiing. People who fuss about their homework disturb him greatly. After graduating in June, he will be in the Naval Air Corps, and aims to be a star flyer.



MARGARET IVERS

Margie, not only capably took over the position of Photography Editor of the Pioneer, but also was the star of the basketball team, a member of the Costume Committee for the senior play, in Tri-Hi, and a very good tennis player. Mig has followed the College Course and enjoyed chemistry class most. Margie's hobbies are tennis and attending football, basketball and major league baseball games.



MURIEL JONES

Mimi is one of the gang from up North. She has been a member of the Irregular Course at R. H. S. We hear her ambition is to go in training and become a Naval Nurse. Muriel says that big crowds are her pet peeve and evidently the blue coupe follows suit. Her main hobbies consist of interior decorating and waiting for the 9:15 bus, every Saturday night. Now why does she do that?



DOROTHY KELLEY

To be a "Woman in White" is Dot's aim, at least for a while. Dot's perpetual pep and amusing personality have always made her a class favorite. Her portrayal of "Gertie" in the senior play will not soon be forgotten. If per chance you should ever stray near the R. K. O. theatre, when some top band is giving out with that old "jive," there you'll find "Kell", collecting autographs at the stage door.



MARY AND JAMES KELLY

Introducing the brother and sister act of the class of '43'—Mary and Muggsie Kelly. Mary, one of our cutest cheerleaders, has followed the College Course and plans to enter the nursing profession upon graduation. Riding and horses are Muggsie's chief hobbies along with his favorite history. Jim has already enlisted in the Marine Corps and this summer he will don the uniform for Uncle Sam.



LESLIE KENDALL

Les can usually be found hanging around Torre's. He took the Civic Preparatory Course at R. H. S. His pet hobbies are evening drives on an "A" book. Waking up in the morning, and detention are his pet peeves in school. Les has helped out war production by working in a defense plant lately. He left school on April 15, 1943 to join up with Uncle Sam's armed forces. Latest reports tell us Les is in the Army.



ELEANOR KENNEY

Ellie has taken the Civics Preparatory Course and enjoys dancing, bowling, and listening to the trumpet of Harry James. Her pet peeve is getting up in the morning, but in spite of this, she always shows up at R. H. S. with a bright smile for everyone. Ellie worked for a time at a drug store, but now has decided to become one of Reading's telephone operators. Next year, Ellie will continue working until opportunity knocks again.



FRANCIS KILEY

Francis, well known in school as Fran or Zephyr, is taking a Practical Arts Course. He has participated in baseball, football, and basketball. His pet hobbies are sports and airplanes and his pet peeves are detention and eleven o'clock broadcast. He has worked as a bell-hop, waiter and a W. P. A. worker and his future intentions are to be a draftsman, but after graduation he says "The government has its own ideas."



BERT KILGORE

Bert is listed as taking the Fine Arts Course here at Reading High School. Mr. Kibbee's art classes have kept Bert enjoyably busy, but business math has been a most elusive subject for him. Bert has been helping the war effort by working at Hunt's and after he graduates, he intends to see what the Navy has to offer. The submarine and torpedo schools attract him and if all goes well, perhaps he'll be a deep sea diver.



HELEN KIMBALL

Tootsie is a vivacious bit of gal who can so often be seen making time on a dance floor. Keeping "hep" with current music is her favorite hobby. Toots says going to bed and conceited people are her pet peeves. She has been pursuing the Civic Preparatory Course at R. H. S. and plans to work for New England Tel. and Tel. after graduation.



LORRAINE  
LOUISE KIMBALL

Lorraine and Louise, known as Rainie and Weazie respectively, have both taken the Civic Preparatory Course while at R. H. S. Rainie has been working in Torre's as a very efficient waitress, but after she graduates, she plans to work in Boston. Weazie's ambition is to be a traveling salesgirl, and she has worked already as a waitress and salesgirl. Louise was a member of choir and enjoyed Joe Griffin's entertaining antics in English class.



KENNETH KING

Kenny, the tall, dark senior whom everybody knows, loves book reports. He is taking the Accounting Course, but like others, has many outside activities. If you ever go to the movies, you are sure to find Kenny wandering about. His pet peeves are students who use big words and girls who wear short skirts. After school, he may be seen hurrying to work. Who is it who holds your eye during period five, Ken?



SHERMAN KNIGHT

Sherm, a quiet fellow, is seen approaching before he is heard, but although he's not noisy, he still has a personality which everybody likes. During his association with R. H. S., he has followed the Comprehensive Course with U. S. history standing high on his favorite subject list. Photography and aviation are very special interests of his. Sherm has worked in an animal hospital and this summer he will work again.



BARBARA KOMENDA

Barby is one of the gang from up north. While at Reading High School, she has been taking the Civic Preparatory Course and has enjoyed Mr. Mirey's Problems of Democracy class very much. Although she hasn't any immediate plans for the future, Barbara plans to spend the summer in New Hampshire, where she'll practice up on household arts. Butchie's pet peeve is being in a big crowd.



ETHEL LACEY

Ethel has successfully completed the Accounting Course and has found bookkeeping especially enjoyable. She enjoys dancing, bowling, and popular music. Ethel was in the tennis tournament, for that is her favorite sport. Her pet peeve is boys who walk on the wrong side. Ethel plans to get a job and work until a certain friend returns from the service. Her winsome smile will assuredly win her as many friends in the future as it has in the past.



WILLIAM LANDER

Bill is one of our foremost athletes. He played tackle on the football teams, and center on the basketball team. Of our pre-war golf team, he was also assistant-pro at Meadowbrook. Bill's course was "Irregular," but regardless of the twistings and turnings, he reaches his goal June ninth. With his varied experience, he should go far in his chosen field, as an Aerial Photographer in the Air Corps.



ALICE LARRABEE

This cheerful Miss has been following the Secretarial Course here and claims that study period has been her favorite class. Making her clothes, skating, dancing, swimming, and tennis are her hobbies, while her pet peeve is having books fall out of her locker. Al has been an enthusiastic member of Tri-Hi, and Junior Woman's. Alice hopes to work this summer and then go on to Business School.



JOHN LEHNE

Do you remember the human dynamo who consumed so much energy as "Bill" in the senior play? That's Johnny all right. The Scientific Course has haunted him for three years, but he is still about a quarter of an inch in the lead. Johnny's hobby is collecting coins. Eighth period and conceited girls annoy him. The write-ups for the Pioneer have kept Johnny busy. He plans to work this summer and then go to College or enter the Air Corps.



SHIRLEY LIEBERMAN

Everyone knows "Lieby" is quite ambitious and has a lot of humor and personality. Her favorite subjects are shorthand and bookkeeping. That's why she has done so well as a salesgirl and bookkeeper; but her real ambition is to be a receptionist. You can see her anywhere, anytime, either skiing or dancing, for she really can't decide which she likes best. To really see her in her off moments, just mention gum snappers and last-minute date makers.



ELIZABETH LEONARD

Tillie is one of the more fortunate members of our class, who was allowed to leave school in April, to accept a position in the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. She has successfully completed the Secretarial Course and typing and shorthand classes have interested her most. Her favorite amusement is dancing, while conceited people constitute her greatest annoyance.



LORRAINE LOUGHIN

Who is it who "trips the light fantastic?" Lorraine, of course. She has danced at almost any place that you can mention, and she's the high-stepping drum major who dazzled the football crowd. Her favorite subjects are gym, art, and typing, and her pet peeves are people who tease and people who prevaricate. After going to Leland Powers' Theatrical School, Lorraine plans to be in musical comedy shows.



ROBERT LOWE

The Scientist has often victoriously crossed the finish line in many races run by R. H. S.'s cross-country team. Bob earned awards in the Legion Race last year. He took the College Course and his favorite subjects are English with Miss Reed and chemistry. Bob has his own studio, has done some fine photography, and after the war is over, he will resume photography.



MARY LOWELL

English is Mary's favorite subject and she has been rewarded with a complimentary membership to the Reading Woman's Club. The goal of our tiny red read is the Deaconess and Simmons Hospital for Nurse's training; but in the meantime, Mary is working at the Reading Diner, combining business with pleasure. Mary's only complaint is that she dislikes getting up early on dark cold mornings.



BETTY LYNCH



JEAN MAGUIRE



JOHN MARCHETTI



RICHARD MARSTON

Betty has taken the Civic Preparatory Course during her three years at Reading High School. Her favorite subject was bookkeeping, but the work entailed in shorthand was the bane of her existence. Betty, in her spare time, knitted, danced, and took care of children. Lunch has been her best school period. Betty left in April to accept a position with the Employer's Liability in Boston.

Here is Jean—President of Tri-Hi, Co-editor of the Pioneer, Corresponding Secretary of Junior Woman's, Co-chairman of our War Stamp Drive, and the amazing "Miss Wheeler" in our senior play. Corduroy knickers, Quiz Kid programs, hobbies, and eight-fifteen are Jean's pet peeves. Last summer she worked in Ogunquit, Maine, and now works at the Reading Cooperative Bank. Jean received Faculty Honors.

Johnny took the Civic Preparatory Course while at Reading High School, and his future intentions are to join Uncle Sam's Army. Art has always been Johnny's favorite subject and as we all know he is our typical sharpie of the senior class. Whenever or wherever one hears jazz, there will be Johnny doing his famous dance, the "Lindy." Johnny's main hobby is dancing and he has become very well known in neighboring towns for this sport.

Dick as an artist is stupendous, as a runner, colossal, and as an actor, extraordinary. Actually, Dick is quite normal. He has completed the Accounting Course, and his chief enjoyment has been his art classes. Dick has devoted his spare time to the Cross Country Team, N. R. A. Rifle Club, DeMolay and the Pioneer Board. Outside of school Rich draws, bowls, and enjoys music. Dick's future objective is to be a commercial artist.



PAULINE MARSTALLER



NORMAN MARTIN



JEAN McCLINTOCK



AGNES McGRATH

Polly belongs to the more serious element of our class, but enjoys life nevertheless. Perhaps you have seen her at the Public Library, because Pauline has worked there for some time. Her favorite class is history. She is an honor student and we find it hard to believe that she does not like study periods, which she finds boring. Polly hopes to become a teacher, but her future plans are at present indefinite.

Norman is the blonde senior with a ready smile. He took the Comprehensive Course but judging from the list of musical organizations in which he was enrolled, we'd say his was a course in music. While here at R. H. S., he played soccer and football. This summer Norm plans to work in a defense factory and then enlist in the Army. Bud hopes some day to run a camp for skiing in the wilds of New Hampshire.

Jean is the sweet girl whose future secretarial possibilities are undisputed. Her favorite subjects are shorthand, type, and study. Jean has played basketball and tennis with our teams. Her hobby is airplane spotting, while her pet peeves are conceited persons and high heels worn with ankle socks. After graduation, Jean will continue working in Boston. Just where being a secretary fits in with her future intentions to raise a family will have to be proved later.

We'll all remember Aggie's pleasing smile and grand sense of humor. Although Agnes kept herself occupied with the Business Course and working at the Five and Ten afternoons, she was able to take time out for hockey and the "Junior Woman's Defense Corps." Her pet peeve is sissified boys, but a nice piece of swing music cures her blues. Agnes now works as an operator for the Telephone Co., but we know her future is well planned.



DOROTHY McMENAMIN



PAUL MEUSE



STEVEN MILLER



MARILYN MONEGAN

Dot, while at Reading High School, has been studying in the Civic Preparatory Course and has been a member of our A Capella Choir. Her hobbies are dancing and playing tennis. Dot has absolutely no use for people who chew gum and annoy others by snapping it. We understand that Dorothy is planning to study at Burdett College next fall. Dot, will you tell us who it is who keeps you up all hours of the night?

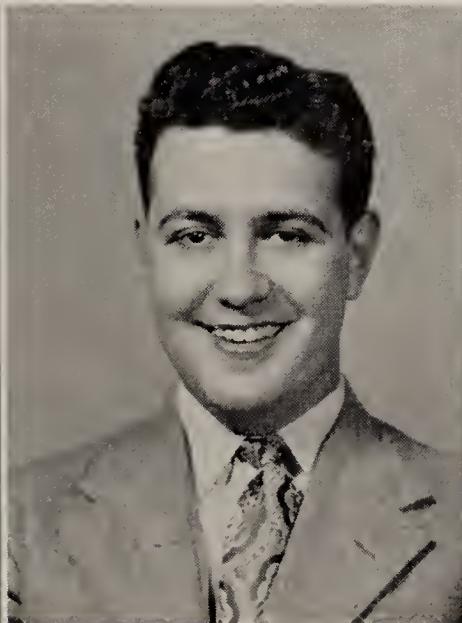
Paul has taken the Civic Preparatory while at Reading High. He has enjoyed his shop work, but has had difficulties with bookkeeping. After school, Paul has a steady job working at Weber and Smith. He enjoys skating and he's always ready to see a good movie. Take time off to see Paul's Zoot Suit. It's genuine — 27 inch knee, 14 inch cuff, and we're sure his shoulders are boarded not padded.

Steve is a staunch member of our traffic squad and a mathematical wizard. While mastering the Scientific Course, Steve has enjoyed math and chemistry most. Soccer, N. R. A., Rifle Club, and the Pioneer Board have been a few other activities. He has taken charge of Special Deliveries for the Post Office and worked in the Reading Greenhouse. His favorite sports are hockey and swimming. Steve plans to enter M. I. T. soon.

Mal is our industrious Business Editor of the Pioneer, with a knack for field hockey and tennis as well. Her ultimate dream is to own her own soda fountain. In the College Course, she has enjoyed her physics lab. periods best. Fourth period lunch and two clashing plaids denote her pet peeves. Mal's an ardent fan of Harry James, likes to roller skate, read, and cook.



EDWARD MAROOKIAN



GEORGE MORRIS



JEAN MULLEN



BARBARA NIELSON

Do you remember when the airplane arrived in Reading from Palmer? Ed was one of the huskies who helped make its trip possible. In his Practical Arts Course, shop has been his favorite subject. He has also been a meat clerk at the A. & P. His pet peeve is "people who waste their time and mine with bragging." Building model airplanes with gas-powered engines is Ed's hobby and soon he intends to learn aircraft mechanics in the Air Corps.

George has been taking the Civic Preparatory Course during his stay at Reading High. Although he has tried to work so hard in school, his life outside of school has proved more interesting. The only part of school he really enjoyed was dancing after lunch on rainy days. After school he worked at Hood's creamery, where his pet peeve was butter. His ambition is to be a hairdresser, but now he is serving with the U. S. Navy.

Jean is the happy-go-lucky girl who goes from room to room with a smile for everyone. A Capella Choir, Chorus, and activities in Rainbow, where she was installed as Worthy Advisor, have kept Jean quite busy. In the future, Dimples hopes to work in an office for a couple of years, then to marry and raise a large family. She says that teachers, homework, gas rationing, and Harry's school nights, are her pet peeves.

Barb was in the Clerical Course, an active member of the baton squad and candy girl at the senior play. Junior Woman's, being an officer in Rainbow, and having an office position at McArdle's Gift Shop take a good deal of Barb's time. Slammer doors, slow walkers, and wearing glasses are Barb's pet peeves. She likes skiing, tennis, and sailing on Long Island Sound. After graduation, Barb plans for a vacation and later training as a nurse.



**BARBARA NORMINE**

Barbie's the blonde from North Reading wilds whose main interest in life is having fun. She's taking a Secretarial Course (Miss Kling's classes being her favorite) and has played basketball, tennis, field hockey, and belonged to A Capella Choir. Among her pet peeves, she lists gum snapping, people who mispronounce her name, people who stare, and combinations of red and pink.



**PRISCILLA NORWOOD**

Pussy, whose initials spell P.A.N. hopes they bring her luck at Simmons' next year. Of all her classes at R. H. S., she found English with Miss Reed her most enjoyable subject and Mrs. Burrage's fluent French most amazing. She hated 8th periods on Friday afternoons, and her weekends were filled with her favorite hockey games and movies, and Priscilla has the laudable ambition of desiring to become a nurse.



**ROBERT PARKER**

Bob has taken the Accounting Course during the last three years and lists bookkeeping and history as his favorite classes. In the future he hopes to become a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of DeMolay and enjoys playing both football and tennis. After graduation, Bob expects to attend either Bentley's School of Accounting or join the Army Air Corps.



**CONNIE PARRY**

Connie has been on the tennis team, in the horseback riding group, and Art editor of the Pioneer. While taking the Secretarial Course, her favorite subject has been Mr. Kibbee's art classes. Her hobbies include art and photography, and her pet peeves are home work and snobbish people. Dancing at lunch time, and fun in room F are things Connie has enjoyed at R. H. S. After graduation, she'll be found behind a typewriter at the John Hancock Company.



**DONALD PEASE**

Introducing that popular student of R. H. S., Donald Pease! We all know Pesa and enjoy his swell personality and humor. Although he works at Hood's, is Hi-Y President, a year book Editor, and a member of DeMolay, "Mr. Anthony" finds time for social visits. Pease has honored the radio networks in broadcasting a book review, and later on a Pan-American program. Don is now contemplating an Engineering Course at Tufts.



**JOSEPH PENDERGAST**

Joe is the blonde good-natured fellow, who will be remembered for his enthusiastic participation in football, basketball and baseball. He came here in his sophomore year and has been a star athlete. Pascal has overpowered the College Course and found physics least fatiguing. Joe has been in DeMolay and Hi-Y. After graduation, Joey plans to go to college or become a brickman. Joe's happy nature should warrant him smooth sailing.



**CALVIN PENNY**

The Civic Preparatory Course was elected by Calvin when he came to Reading High School. Cal particularly enjoyed Mr. Erickson's Aeronautics class but found U. S. History to be rather a difficult subject. He was interested in Cross Country running, and skating. During the winter, Calvin left school and joined the fighting Marines. He reports that he likes his work and hopes to become an expert gunner. We're sure he will.



**NANCY PERRY**

"Go west," is Nancy's motto. Nan plans to go to Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri, where she is going to learn to fly. What about the WAAFS, Nancy? Nan has been in Tri-Hi, Student Council and on the Senior Play Costume Committee, has been an A. A. representative, and played tennis and basketball. Nancy enjoys major league baseball, claims she had most fun in English IV.



JUNE PETERSON

June is one of the rare quiet girls of the Senior class. She has taken the practical Arts Course and her favorite subject is none other than English. June was "Johnny on the spot" when it came to collecting scrap. Next year June will work and train to be a Nurse's Aide. Outdoor sports and collecting stamps are the hobbies which intrigue her. Students who snap gum annoy June.



IRENE PETTENGILL

Much of Renie's time is taken up by one particular friend. She is interested in cameras, and horseback riding, and has been studying the Secretarial Course. She has a position in a bank and intends to continue working after graduation. Renie has also worked in Woolworth's. Her pet peeves are nosy people and people who are always yelling. Renie intends to make good in her job and to get married.



HELEN POLAND

Hel, one of the finest girl athletes in the senior class, has served as our treasurer for three years. She was Assistant Editor of the Year Book, played basketball, tennis, and field hockey, belonged to Tri-Hi, edited the Chronicle column, and found time to do some fancy knitting. After following the Classical Course, She re-Classic Course, she re-ambition is to own a baseball team. Next year, she will study at Bryn Mawr.



AUDREY  
and  
LORRAINE POWERS

While the "Aud" is rather a reticent person, Lorraine seems to be just the opposite. Both Audrey and Lorraine are taking the Secretarial Course and their favorite subjects are type and lunch. They abhor "catty girls"—do we blame them? Audrey was one of the beauteous candy gals at the senior play. Lorraine enjoys the opera. Although their future intentions are "to take things as they come," they expect to be employed in the business world.



NANCY PRATT

Nan's the girl with the heavenly auburn hair. Name almost any of the school activities and you'll find Nan's—cheerleading, senior play, Senior Executive Board, Tri-Hi, and Junior Woman's. Homework doesn't thrill her a bit; yet she took the College Preparatory Course and was on the honor roll. If you stop in Jordan's you might see Nan, for she's a salesgirl there. Nancy plans to go to Lasell Junior College.



PAUL QUINLAN

"Cockey women — deliver me!" says Paul, also known as Pappy. Pappy has participated in many sports while in the Reading High School. His favorite athletic activity, however, is baseball, where he excels in the field. Pappy, one of the younger members of the class has trailed after the Scientific Course, and plans to attend Northeastern University, where he will take up an Engineering Course.



ELINOR REARDON

"Ellie," for the past three years, has taken the Civic Preparatory Course. Her favorite class is home room with Pop Wheeler. Elinor enjoys dancing, listening to the 9:20 club and going to the "Colonial Spa." For orchestras, Harry James is her favorite and Benny Goodman comes next. Her pet peeve is giving oral themes, but she manages to deliver them without a nervous breakdown.



FRANCES REDMOND

Frannie is one of our talented art students and incidentally quite a singer. She has been one of Reading High School's cheerleaders and an active member of Tri-Hi. Her heart interests are in the Army and Navy. Frannie is a swing fan who loves to dance. She's a good sport, and has a wonderful sense of humor, with a sparkling personality.



CRAWFORD REED



BARBARA RICH



DONALD RICH



JAMES ROBINSON

Here comes the Benny Goodman of R. H. S., and the proud owner of a sharp kaleidoscopic coat. Crawf has many hobbies. Music, hockey, skiing, and visits to John Street occupy most of his leisure time. However, Crawf still manages to play in the school orchestra and band, belong to the Hi-Y, and serve on the Traffic Force. Crawford has already enlisted in the Marines, so his post-graduate plans are up to Uncle Sam.

Who could forget our cute little soprano soloist, Barb Rich, who has been in choir three years. She has thoroughly mastered the College Course and done a good job holding down the lucky thirteenth place on the honor roll. Barbara intends to work this summer and enter college in the fall. Barb served on the Program Committee, attended Junior Woman's and still found time to carry on lengthy correspondence with her friends in the service.

Ducky is the blond fellow who can be seen in the Art Room sketching. He has taken the Fine Arts Course, and at the time of the Senior Play, served on the Art Committee and as a stage hand. He worked on a farm for a while and also in a greenhouse, but his pet peeve is getting up in the morning. Don's immediate intentions are to enlist in the service, but hopes to go to Art School later.

Jim is the mechanical genius of R. H. S. Even though the shop periods in the Practical Arts Course have been his favorites, he dislikes noisy classes because they disturb his sleep. Jim received honorable mention for his help in the scrap drive which the high school sponsored. Jim's membership in the Rifle Club, his interest in flying, and the enjoyment he gets out of mechanical things should help him in his Army career.



WALTER ROWELL, JR.



WILLIAM RYER



ROBERT SANSOM



ADELLE SARGENT

At last we have a future farmer in our midst who takes his work seriously. Walter worked in a greenhouse and plans to spend next summer on a farm. He intends to go to Randolph, Vermont Agricultural School, where he will acquire the scientific angle on his main ambition. His future objective is to be a farm manager. He also enjoyed two years of playing in the school band.

Billy has been a familiar traffic officer on the third floor this past year. He has taken the Accounting Course and plans to continue at Business College, where he will prepare to be a C. P. A. Undoubtedly the high scholastic rating which he has achieved will reap for him future successes. Bill has enjoyed English and history most.

Bob has been chaplain of Hi-Y, a member of the traffic squad, board-member of the Pioneer, usher at senior play, and a stalwart supporter of the tennis team. He is bass drummer and bell ringer of the Band and Orchestra. His ability in playing the xylophone shows that music is his hobby. This fall Bob plans to enter college and study medicine seriously, in order to fulfill his main ambition in life.

Who's that rushing down the corridor? It's Delly, always in a rush! Where she's going no one knows. Delly has been a member of the Clerical Course and her favorite subjects are book-keeping and U. S. history. Adelle is a member of Rainbow, Junior Woman's Club, and an officer in the Methodist Youth Fellowship.



MARILYN SHAPIRO

The girl with the sweet smile—that's Marilyn. She's been a wonderful addition to our choir. Dolly has taken the College Course and hates to be dubbed "Bonnie Baker." She is very much interested in music, dress designing, photography, psychology and "dreaming." A talented set of fingers have already netted her the position of accompanist to a local dancing teacher.



MABLE SKELTON

Malden seems to be Gibby's favorite spot on week-ends. While at R. H. S., she has enjoyed shorthand in her Secretarial Course. Her ambition is to become a private secretary and leave N. R. She was a member of the Riding Club and says that she enjoyed it very much. Could it be the horses, Gibby? Gib claims she spends many an evening being a chaperone; where at her wee age?



MARGARET SLACK

Margaret has completed the Civic Preparatory Course and admits that Mr. Blanchard's English class and Pop Wheeler's homeroom have been the things that she has liked best at Reading High School. She likes knitting and fancy sewing and her pet peeves are crows and giving oral stories. She is at present employed by F. W. Woolworth & Co. After receiving her diploma, Margaret hopes to work, and just let the future take care of itself.



ELEANOR SMITH

Ellie is a quiet member of the senior class, although her close friends know that she can hold her own in a round table discussion. She has mastered the Secretarial Course and will probably work in Boston after graduation. Her favorite pastime is tap dancing and listening to the 9:20 Club. In her spare moments, Eleanor keeps up a lively V-mail correspondence with her friends overseas.



BARBARA SPILLANE

Do you know who the cute little co-ed with the long black hair and the big brown eyes is? It is Barb Spillane. Homeroom and lunchroom periods have constituted her happiest moments in high school; but she confesses that stenography hasn't annoyed her too much. Barb plans to continue her secretarial career next year. Women who wear slacks and high heels bother Barb, and dancing and football games are her favorite pastimes.



MARY SPILLANE

Mary has followed the Clerical Course, while within the stately walls of Reading High. Regardless of how educational or not it may have been, homeroom has been her most enjoyable forty-five minute period, during the long tedious days spent here. Would you think that such a little girl would delight in listening to the creepy mystery stories on the radio? Along with this pastime, football games have been Mary's great delight.



RICHARD STEVENS

Who can ever forget Dick, with his inimitable voice; he made a perfect Henry Aldrich. Dick, one of the most active students in school has played tennis and baseball. He has also taken part in Student Council, Hi-Y, De-Molay and the Pioneer. Last summer, he worked for the Post Office, and in the future, Smokey intends to be either an engineer or a boat-builder. He plans to go to College after his job with the Marines is done.



MARTHA STIMPSON

Wherever there's a cheery laugh, Martha is apt to be on hand. Her activities include Chorus, A Capella Choir, and Red Cross. She is an outstanding member of Rainbow, and plays the organ there. Martha is a secretarial student with a definite interest in bookkeeping. Her favorite time of day is 2:30. Her pet peeves are exams and cold weather, but these won't bother her next year, when she hurries off to her office work.



SHERMAN STONE



JOHN SULLIVAN



RICHARD SURRETTE



MARY TANNER

Gather around the piano, folks, and get set for some solid jive; for here comes Rocky Stone, resplendent in his usual effulgent attire. Besides being an accomplished pianist, he finds time for the Scientific Course. Vice-president of Hi-Y, a member of DeMolay, the traffic force, and the Pioneer, are other outside activities. Stonie's always racing with time (especially on Saturday night before 12:00 p. m.).

Sully, the smiling traffic officer on the second floor, snapped the pigskin out of the air to put the R. H. S. gridsters on the victory path many times. Minski, (this title has followed him since he worked on a mink farm), has enjoyed history but hasn't liked getting up on Monday mornings. Perhaps John will be writing some history of his own, for he intends to join the Air Corps.

With a definite indifference toward women, Rich has been following the Shop Course for the past three years. Afternoons he is industriously engaged at the Atlantic Food Mart. To be a pilot is his greatest ambition. He collects magazines about airplanes as his hobby, so he knows a lot already about aircraft. May 7th will find Rich in the Army Air Corps, if he has his wish.

"Hey Skinhead!" This girl who possesses inexhaustible vitality, originality, and who is a perpetual fun seeker was the originator of that greeting. We shudder to think what would have happened to our senior play without our able Properties Committee Chairman. Mary has completed the College Course and claims her favorite subject is English. Her hobbies are sports, mostly football—and jitterbugging.



LOUISE TEBEAU



TEDDY THEODORAU



FRANK TOMLINSON



MILDRED TRACY

Pinky is usually in the best of spirits, but ask her to repeat anything she has said, and you can guess the rest. At least once during the week she attends the Reading movies, for this and reading, are her hobbies. We all saw a little head popping up from behind the counter at the Five & Ten at Christmas time. It was Pinky. We hope you go on your long-awaited trip South.

Clear the way, folks. Here comes Ted Theodora, the great cross country runner. That's right, Ted has been a member of the Cross Country Team for three years, besides participating in football and baseball. Ted's Scientific Course, combined with his interest in math, should stand in good stead, when he joins the Army Air Force after graduation.

Tommy is one of those rare people who has no pet peeves. He joined us in our junior year and took the College Course. Tom found chemistry a redeeming feature of his complicated curriculum. It is evident that Tommy is a country boy at heart for his hobbies are: hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. Although Uncle Sam's Navy does not have horses, that's the branch of the service Tommy plans to join after graduation.

Sis, another one of the gang from up north is at present a telephone operator. Her pet peeve is people who slam her home town. Why is it that Millie runs down to the post office every morning before going to the Junior High? Could it be to mail a letter to the Navy? Ask her why she is taking cooking and sewing and she just replies, "Oh! It is going to come in handy soon."



MICHAEL TWOMEY



EDGAR UPTON



RUTH VAN HORNE



JANE VEAZIE

Mike, that dashing young fellow from the North Country, enjoys trudging along County Road. Michael starred in football and was captain of the 1942 team. He ably covered right field throughout our successful baseball season, and answered to the title of "His Excellency, the President" during his Junior Year. Mike has grinded his way through the Civic Course, while at high school.

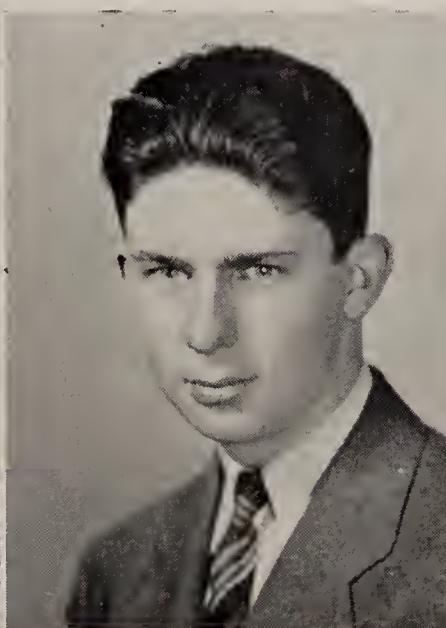
Uppie, Limp Upton is quite well known to most of us here at Reading High. He has had his ups and downs in the Civic Preparatory Course. Edgar is often seen up on Palmer Hill Ave. and one of these days, he hopes to secure a lucrative position in some business. The hand of the U. S. Army is beckoning him, so he'll soon be striving for a job as an A-1 cloud splitting pilot.

Ruthie will always be remembered for her fine portrayal of the frustrated Mrs. Aldrich in the senior play. She's taking a College Course with shorthand and typing on the side, and is on the Pioneer Staff. Collecting China dolls is her hobby, as well as playing the piano with one finger. Her pet peeves are teachers that get angry at little things. After working this summer, Ruthie plans to attend Simmons College.

Jane is a tall good looking blonde who skips about the corridors with a carefree air. Some of her many sports are skiing, skating and we mustn't forget riding. Jane waxes eloquent about horses at a moment's notice. Jane also loves to dance. She has been taking the College Course and is going to attend the University of Alabama next year, where she won't have to study Latin.



THEODORE WATSON



ROBERT WEBB

Ted has been taking the Shop Course with mathematics and history his favorite subjects. Ted hasn't decided what he'll do after the war, but after graduation, he'll join the U. S. Army. Theodore has worked as a truck driver. Perhaps that is why his pet peeves are women drivers. During his spare time, Ted tinkers away in engines, and is quite a motor mechanic.

Bob claims he has crawled along behind the College Course, but he actually got to a standing position in history! Next year he'll study at Boston University, and enlist in the U. S. A. R. Bob has worked as a newsboy and as a part-time machinist's mate. Drawing and amateur photography are his chief interests, and we'll remember him as one of the "pillars" of the Traffic Squad.



GRETCHEN WEBER



RICHARD WEBSTER

Gretch is one of the more ambitious members of our class. If you see somebody dashing through the corridors of Reading High with a huge pile of books in her arms, it's Gretch. She's always zooming up to Room C to get the latest news. Often Gretch will catch you off guard with a witty phrase. She intends to enroll at Boston University and major in languages.

Dick is one of our best sports and as good natured as they come. He left us in February of this year to join one of the world's finest services, the Marines. He participated in many sports; such as football, basketball, and baseball, and was manager of baseball team as well. Dick's main interest was sports, and his former experience will help him in the Marine Corps.



ROGER WHEELER

Roger is a first rate track star at R. H. S. and an active member of Student Council and Traffic force. Bookkeeping is Wheeler's favorite subject. He is interested in out-of-doors activities; such as running, skiing, and bicycling. Rog has been employed as a waiter, clerk and is owner and manager of Reading Wood Co. Medals have been presented to Rog for excellency in cross country meets. Northeastern Business College will be seeing him soon.



ELIZABETH WHITE

"I just don't understand electricity." Yes, that's Libby, pursuer of the Scientific Course and lover of math and physics. Lib detests people who say "he don't" instead of "he doesn't." She has done a marvelous job selling war stamps, and has the books straight. Libby was treasurer of Junior Woman's Club and the Literary Editor of the Pioneer. From Reading High, Libby will advance to the University of Maine.



BARBARA WILLIAMS

Barb has taken the Secretarial Course during her sojourn at R. H. S., with typing and shorthand her favorite subjects. She should be successful in her chosen career as an efficient stenographer. She plans to work and go to night school in the fall. Newberry's in Wakefield and the Wood and Metal Company in Reading have already enjoyed having Barb in their employ. Conceited and fickle people are the bane of Barb's life.



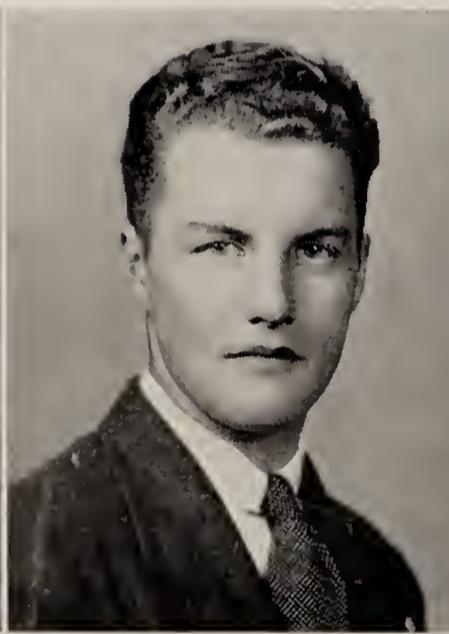
DOUGLAS WILLIAMS

Doug found very little to say about school that was good, so he turned to the Navy for consolation. His aim in life is to be a deep sea diver. He'll start his dangerous training in the Navy. His favorite sport was hockey and was on the football team for several years. He also liked to swim and ski. Douglas was active in Hi-Y as treasurer. Remember the Hi-Y Conference Doug?



RALPH WILSON

Talk about being rugged! Here's a boy who peddles a bicycle to school in fair or foul weather. Willy is one of the few who really enjoys gym classes. No wonder short lunch periods are one of his peeves, for he tells us that eating is one of his hobbies. Ralph belongs to DeMolay, and plans to find work after graduation. When duty calls, he'll enroll in the Marine Corps.



JOHN WINSLOW

Jack's job is to drive around town in a '40 Chevy. It's not permanent, however, for Jack likes the sea and plans to enter the Navy after graduation. Pet peeves seem dominant in Jack's life. I give the girls fair warning — "Don't wear pigtails or knee sox." Jack's favorite subject is U. S. History. His ambition is to find a job at the end of the war as a Diesel Engineer.



ROSLIE WISTUBA

Rosalie is a quiet girl with a shy smile. She has taken the Accounting Course; bookkeeping is her favorite subject. She is on the Honor Roll. After school, she has worked as a clerk at Adams', and is now employed by the World Book Company in Boston. Rosalie managed to find time to be on the senior play program committee. Her spare time is spent writing letters to Arkansas.



SHIRLEY WOODWARD

When you serve luscious red tomatoes don't invite Shirl in. She can't take them. For three years she's been taking the College Course. Tennis, swing music, singing and summers in Maine have been her main diversions, but her irrepressible enthusiasm has carried her through very well. She plans to work this summer and in the fall enter Middlebury College.



KATHLEEN WRIGHT

Katie is the favorite vocalist of the senior class. She plans to get a defense job after graduation and during her free moments sing with a band. When she is twenty-one, she'll join the Marines. She has taken the Secretarial Course, belongs to the Riding Club, A Capella Choir, received her letter for tennis, has worked in the Five and Ten, was in the Senior Plan Program Committee, and belongs to a U. S. O. unit.

#### AGNES CAMPBELL

We present Agnes, better known to us as Aggie. She can generally be found in Lee's Drug Store, sipping a long coke. If you don't see her, you'll hear her, for she snaps gum loudly enough to assure her presence. Her latest ambition is to join the Marines. There are two things which really bother Aggie, conceited people and angry teachers. We hope Aggie won't miss her mathematics period too much when June comes along.

#### HELEN DAHLQUIST

Fair-headed Helen can most always be seen wending her way toward Room 5. If you want some secretarial work perfectly done, Helen's the girl to ask. She has sung in our choir and is reported to have at one time played the violin with the Reading Civic Symphony Orchestra. Short-hand has been Winnie's favorite subject, and she plans very sensibly, to finish her school year before she seeks the perfect job.

#### HELEN DOUCETTE

You will always find Helen with a gay "Hello" and smile for everyone, no matter where she is. Helen has just completed the Civic Preparatory Course and plans to find an especially easy position this summer. Her pet peeve is school and yet, one would never know it, for she always seems to be enjoying herself. Helen has taken and completed an Irregular course. Dewey's hobby is writing to servicemen.

#### MARJORIE HILL

Marg, as she is better known to her friends, has just completed the Civic Preparatory Course. She has enjoyed biology class with Miss Zimmerman most. Whenever you hear swing, you're very apt to find Marj. Her pet peeve is a certain drug store, where you'll never see her spending her afternoons. Marj plans to find a nice easy position after graduation, and "Live happily ever after."

#### FORMER MEMBERS OF THE CLASS 1943

WILBUR CASTINE  
JOHN DAY  
WILLIAM LEONARD  
GERTRUDE NICKERSON

WILFRED PERRY  
THOMAS THORNTON  
EDWARD WHITE  
EDWARD WHITTON

*An attempt was made to contact all members of the class of 1943. We apologize if we have omitted any pictures or names.*

*The "Prayer" on page three was written by James Ireland '44*



# Class History

## *Sophomore Year*

Said the Sophomore to the Senior:  
"Please tell me where's Room A?"  
Said the Senior to the Sophomore:  
"Sure, you go this way—  
Down the hall, up three flights,  
Turn left, turn right; it's not far,  
Through the Physics Lab; don't give up,  
Open the door—and there you are!"

This was the way we humble Sophomores began our first year as students of Reading High School. The traffic problem was at its peak and our first task was to learn to find our way around the school. Mr. Sussmann summoned us to the hall and did his best to enlighten us on this and other subjects.

Soon class elections were held and our sophomore officers were: Richard Dill, president; Richard Stevens, vice-president; Lucille Watts, secretary; and Helen Poland, treasurer for three years.

Before the football season was over, George Fennelly had been recognized as the outstanding athlete of our class by making the second team.

Our introduction to the institution known as a "high school dance" was scheduled for Hallowe'en and was to have included only sophomores but the upperclassmen rebelled. We finally gave in but had our laugh when only a half-dozen of them showed up.

The only advantage we could derive from mid-year exams was that extra hour in bed.

It wasn't long before the big social event of the year "The Sophomore Hop" was due. Sailor Tom provided the nautical decorations, which have never been since surpassed. Bill Rich's orchestra helped make the dance the success it was.

It was during our sophomore year that the Tri-Hi had its start. Hi-Y continued its merry way with a few new members from our class initiated into its ranks.

## *Junior Year*

Back from vacation once again, we ascended the steps of R. H. S., but this time it was no novelty. Newly elected president, Michael Twomey; secretary, Lucille Watts; and treasurer, Helen Poland took over early in the year.

Four peppy cheerleaders from the class of '43 were added to the squad. They were Nancy Pratt, Lucille Watts, Lorraine Loughlin, and alternate Bette Ham. George Fennelly again contributed largely to the success of our football squad.

Close on the heels of the football season came Christmas and with it the Junior Prom. Thanks to Mr. Halpin, our class adviser, and the hard-working committee, the dance was a great success.

Mid-Year Exams! What a pathetic sight it is to see such tired, over-worked students limping from class to class, loaded down with books. Most of the depression that goes with school life is due to things like mid-years.

Basketball, Reading High's supreme sport's effort, started in with a bang. "Fitzie" was the high scoring ace of our class with Dave Dow and Joe Pendergast helping make his baskets possible.

Then came spring and with it baseball and tennis vying for top honors. The junior class comprised almost the entire Tennis Team with Don Pease, Harley Towle, Bob Samson and Sherm Stone. We were well represented in baseball, too, with versatile George Fennelly, who has held the catcher's post for the past two years; Paul Quinlan, our dependable batter and left fielder, and athlete superior, Joe Pendergast in short field.

Could it be possible? The Seniors were already preparing for graduation and our boys had taken over the management of the inscrutable traffic problem.

Bette Hain and Don Clapperton were chosen Junior Girl and Boy by the departing class of 1942. Do you remember how nice they looked leading the Seniors, on graduation day? The Junior and Senior Reception was carefully planned to give the Seniors the best farewell party we could.

It didn't occur to us how much we'd miss the Seniors until graduation day. Sitting there in the bleachers, watching our close friends graduate, was almost as sad for us, as it was for them.

But now we were to be the upper classmen of the school, so we returned all smiles.

#### *Senior Year*

At last we had become seniors and from our high pedestal we could sit and watch the newcoming sophomores helplessly flounder about as did we. As traffic leaders we attempted to guide them to their respective rooms.

After class elections we inaugurated Don Clapperton as President, Ken Bushway as Vice-President and Connie Davis as Secretary. Helen Poland was retained as Treasurer.

New faces appeared among the faculty, replacing teachers who had left for other schools or to go into the service.

Standouts on the football squad who led the team were Co-Captains Fennelly and Twomey along with Joe Pendergast and John Sullivan. They were aided by the well-known cheerleaders Bette, Nancy, Fran, Mary, Alice, and Phyll. About this time, the forgotten men of the Cross Country Team, led by Capt. Wheeler, and Coach Taylor were doing fairly well, considering the opposition and transportation problems and illness of various members of the team.

Then came one of the senior year's biggest events—the annual play. "What a Life," a Henry Aldrich play, was chosen for this year's presentation. Many showed up for the tryouts and the cast was chosen, but because of studies and other distracting influences, several people gave up their roles and it looked as though there would not be any play. Remember how Dick Stevens suffered a bad concussion but a few weeks before the final performance was to be given. Others filled in and, under the coaching of Miss Burns, the play lured one of the largest crowds we remember.

Later the faculty announced that the class ratings had been reckoned, showing each senior how he stood after three years of work. Ken Bushway was the Valedictorian, the first boy to hold that position in seven years. Bette Hoffer, who came second on the list, was Salutatorian.

Purdy was chosen class photographer and everyone was soon busy exchanging graduation pictures around the school and the Pioneer Board faced the colossal task of assembling the Graduation Issue of the Pioneer.

In March and April a jeep drive was held to buy a jeep for the army and before the drive was finished, much more than the required \$900 was contributed. A Jeep Drive Dance was put on, which brought in additional cash.

On and after April ninth many of the seniors left to go in to the service and to work.

Now we are about to prepare for the coming graduation exercises. When the day arrives we will be nervous and jittery, as we listen to the orations given by K. Bushway, Richard Dill, Helen Poland, Donald Clapperton, Althea Crilley, Bette Hoffer, and Jean Maguire. We realize indeed, how fast these last three years have gone.

Richard Marston  
Nancy Perry

# Class Prophecy

After a hard day's work in the office, I sank into my overstuffed chair and pulled the latest issue of the Reading Chronicle, put out by its first woman editor, *Caroline Foster*. It was dated Friday, June 14, 1953 (Volume 6,853). I propped my feet upon a nearby footstool and unfolded the crisp new paper. Glancing at the "Man of the Week," I noticed that here was an old classmate of mine. *Sherman Knight*, who resides at 9 Cherrybloom Avenue was given the Goodhousekeeping Seal of Approval recently, for his invention of invisible bobby pins for well-dressed women."

One of the headlines caught my eye. "Sewer Department Head Announces New Street to Have Sewerage System Installed in the Fall." I read the opening paragraph. "At an interview, *Randall Arthur*, superintendent, announced that Mayor *Clapperton* and our new City Council, *Helen, Richard, Pauline, Gertrude*, and *Lawrence Doucette*, have finally approved the appropriation for the installation of sewers on Rich Boulevard, named after my old classmate *Barbara Rich*, who has broken all records at Kelly Hall (so-named in memory of those famous acrobats, *James* and *Mary*, who missed connections only once in their whole career), with her interpretation of "Shoot Me the Brandy, Andy."

Suddenly remembering that the wife and I had planned to go to the movies that evening, I turned to the back page to see what the manager of the Reading Theatre, *Frankie Brennan*, had to offer for the evening's entertainment. Matinee idol *Richard Stevens* was starred with luscious *Lorraine Loughlin* in the "Life and Loves of *Glenn Hodson*," whose rigorous life in gay Paris made meaty literature for a screen scenario. I promptly decided that this was the show to see.

My wife entered the room and I gave her the gossip page. I settled down to finish the article on sewerage when Peg chirped up, "Oh, darlin', did you know that *Barbara Courser's* little Bill Jr. has the mumps?"

I said, "No, that's too bad," and turned to see how our bowling team, the "Pin Heads," was coming along. Because of the famous bowler, *Dick Dill*, and his colleagues, *Donald Conron, Robert Berglund, Bert Kilgore*, and *Frank Tomlinson*, and *Arthur Bancroft*, the other teams in the inter-city tournament just didn't have a chance. The prize for the winners was a three tiered cake, baked at *Phyll's Grill*, by my own classmate *Phyllis Barr*. Our ultimate victory was then decided, because Dill never could resist cake—or anything to eat.

Just below, in wide headlines, was the advertisement, "Hike to Mike's." (Yes, gas rationing is still in effect and *Twomey's* joint is located in the wilds of North Reading). Leading attraction at Mike's was *Russ Gunn* and his Tarnished Bullets with *Teddy* "beat your brains

out" *Theodorou* skinning the skins, *John "Gabriel" Winslow* on the trumpet, and *Dick "bust a blood-vessel" Marston* playing the tuba; all of whom made with the forlorn corn nightly. I decided to slip out to visit the gang at Mike's when wifie joined her bi-monthly Bridge Club to play strip polka with *Dot McMenamin, Mable Skelton*, and *Barbara Spillane*, who, by the way, are all happily married with their little broods about them. I was considering picking up two fellow hen-pecked husbands, *Ralph Wilson* and *Bob Parker*, when Peg peeped out from behind the gossip page and said, "I see that *Dot Kelly*, plus her husband, plus her seven adorable brats (the first of whom was christened Ed, Jr.) are spending the summer on the beautiful shores of Lake Quannapowitt — couldn't we buy a cottage there this summer?"

I told her that I would see our real estate agent, *Paul Geary*, about it first thing in the morning. I turned back to the Chronicle and looked at the "Under Reading Spires" column. I must confess that my appearances in church are rare (like steak used to be way back in '43), and I was surprised to learn that our new minister was Rev. *Dana J. Alward*. Come to think of it, Dana always was religiously inclined, even in his high school days. I vowed then and there to heckle Rev. Alward at his first sermon. I turned to scan the Sport page.

"Look here, Peg," I summoned, "Roger Wheeler has just been appointed chief Forest Ranger of Massachusetts. He and his four woodsmen, *Roger Batchelder, Bert Howe, Bill Cuneo*, and *Kenneth King* won first prize for their skillful woodchopping at the Reading Sportsman Show. Oh, and speaking of sports events, *Otis "Swifty" Anderson* blossomed forth victoriously at the State-Wide Marathon last week, running ten miles in ten minutes.

"My, Peg, the sport page is certainly interesting today. Remember *George Fennelly* and *Edgar Upton*? They've been elected co-captains of the Reading Revelers, our famed local nine, and *Francis Kiley* has made good on the Chieago Bears' football team. The column goes on to say that the majority of the Reading population was at the Reading Arena last night, where those two dynamic forces, *Bill Ryer* and *Thomas Foster* clashed in the main wrestling bout of the evening, for the heavyweight championship of the Commonwealth. Ryer not only succeeded in putting Foster out of circulation, but also Referee *Crawford Reed*, who spent most of the evening climbing back into the ring."

"Oh, you and your sports," sighed Peg. "If you would look at the more cultural items, you'd see that *Kathleen Wright* is continuing her numerous successes singing 'Jingle Bells', accompanied by the famous ivory-tickler, *Sherman 'fingers' Stone*."

I said that was fine. Since Reading is a big metropolis, I had to see what verdicts Judge *Kenneth Bushway* had made that week. I read that the big case of the week was that of the State vs. *Paul Quinlan*, whose defense was handled by shyster lawyer, *John Lehne*. Paul was found guilty and dragged away by F. B. I. men, *Donald Pease* and *Robert Sansom*.

The Scout Columns stated that Boy Scout Master *Eddie Fitzgerald* was to take Troop No. 3 on a nature clared that Girl Scout Leader *Mary Ferrick* and her hike in the Parker Forest, while the Girl Scout item de-troop were honored this week by a talk on "The Art of Playing Pin Ball Machines" given by that inspiring speaker, *Bob Beaumont*. Further down on the page, several interesting items caught my eye. "Leslie Kendall, Bill Lander, Richard Surette and John Sullivan are working hard to get their bill through Congress, via Reading's first Congresswoman, Irene Pettingill, to have cushions installed on the Library wall in place of the uncomfortable granite still there. Another item read, "The construction of the Reading Trans-Continental airport is being supervised by super geniuses Ted Watson, Jimmy Robinson, Paul Meuse and Edward Morookian, the "no-it-alls" of the air, led by John Marchetti.

I read the next items with pride. This is what it said. "The Reading City Dump won the first prize for cleanliness! Custodian, Wesley Dewhurst, wants to thank Beryl Cook and Natalie Gray for their helpful aid in the landscaping of the beautiful flowers and shrubbery."

"Oh, dear," Peg inserted, "I must visit Perry and Poland's Cosmetic Shop. They have the latest powders and paints directly from Paris and excellent advice on makeup. Nancy and Helen have a noted beauty artist visiting them this week, Madame Frances Redmond, who will give free demonstrations Thursday and Friday. The shop's feature this week is Madame Redmond's scintillating perfume, 'Flirt Galore'."

"You ought to read the review of the latest books this week by *Jean Maguire*, Literary Editor of the Chronicle. There is an especially amusing one here, entitled "Superman's Survival Through the Ages."

"Let's see," I said to myself, "I wonder if there is anything worthwhile in the want ads tonight. *Paul Fitzgerald* is still trying to get rid of all the pretty nurses he met at Winchester Hospital, I notice, and *Joanne Davis* is hopefully trying to locate a midget to purchase her Austin. I guess I'm not interested in that."

"Hubby dear," interrupted Peg, "why don't we have Junior's room done over? Here is an advertisement by *Ruth Amback* (representative of Sak's, Fifth Avenue) who will decorate any room for two hundred dollars."

"Two hundred dollars!" I cried. "What do you think I am—a millionaire? But, say, those war bonds we bought during the jeep drive of '43 matnre next month, don't they? Maybe we can manage it."

I glanced over the ad for *Bruce Benson's* and *Doris DeLong's* "Beauty Salon" and then noticed that *Jean Donegan* was running against *Mary Cowhey* for dog-catcher. I was weighing the merits of the respective candidates when Peg asked me to run down to *Monegan's* Drug Store to get some *Cooper's* Whooping Cough Medicine in case Tommy caught it from *Jean Geary's* little girl next door. I said that I would, as soon as I could tear away from the Chronicle. Then hoping I wouldn't be interrupted again, I turned to the second page. A line of heavy type caught my eye. "Robert Lowe, entomologist, has been asked by *Ethel Lacey*, president of the Happy Homes Club to speak on "The Influence of Bugs on Home Life."

So there has been another Legion convention! I see that *Bill Hole*, *Elmer Dykens*, *George Morris*, *Dick Webster*, *Charlie Cummings* and *Doug Williams*, all veterans of World War II, have returned from a dry, quiet national reunion, held in North Reading.

Again Peg interrupted, "Look in the lovelorn column by Mr. *David Dow* Anthony—*Ruth Cress* writes that she is engaged to six men and has finally found the man she wants to marry. She wants to know how to get rid of the other six. Mr. Dow advised her to send a petition to Senator *Joe Griffin* asking for a bill allowing bigamy in the State of Massachusetts." I said that that would be a fine solution.

I then read the following to my wife: "Farmer *Richard Brown* announces that he has for sale some lovely corn picked by his able helpers *Norman Martin* and *George Arnold*." "They're certainly working up a wonderful business together," said Peg. She added, "Oh, darling, did you see that that bridge club (whose membership includes *Althea Crilley*, *Patricia Curtin*, *Peggy Crowell*, *Jean McClintock*, *Betty Hoffer*, *Mary Lowell*, and *Barbara Normine*) initiated *Barbara Nielson* to its order last week? She returned recently to Reading after being chief air line hostess in New York for five years. *Earline Gau* succeeded Barbara after having served as her special aide."

I glanced at the "Help Wanted" ads and saw that *Winnifred Fowle* wanted a man to move her piano at every performance she might give. She cannot play unless she has her own grand piano. I remembered that *Ethel Chapman*, Win's private secretary, almost resigned because Winnie's fan mail exceeded 25,000 letters last week.

An ad for *Walter Rowell's* Shampoo showed the glistening hair of *Ruth Higgins*, my old classmate who now models for that famous pastoral artist *Edna Barmby*.

Peg interrupted once more. "The Powers girls, *Audrey* and *Lorraine*, are coming to spend their summer vacation here while recuperating from a strenuous winter in Florida. They're the owners of Torre's drug-store in Miami (a branch of the famous line which started when Reading was only a small town). You know, *Agnes Campbell* has taken over the main store here in Reading and it is ten times the size it was when

we graduated. Everyone has noticed the extra added flavor since *Robert Cowhey* has been employed as chief ice cream maker."

We read on in comparative silence for a while. In the "Neighbortalk," I saw that *Louise Thebeau*, traveling correspondent for the League of Women Voters of which *Ruth Van Horne* is now president and *Elizabeth White*, secretary, had returned from a visit with *Pauline Marsteller* in Brazil, where Pauline is a missionary of good will.

I continued to scan the "Neighbortalk" and saw that Dr. *Robert Webb*, had ordered *Alice Larrabee*, head saleswoman at Jordan Marsh Company, to take a rest because of an advanced case of pedal rheumatism. *Helen Dahlquist* had recently given up her career as violinist to become a housewife and wanted to sell her priceless violin. I decided to take advantage of this opportunity in the morning.

"Look, dearie," said Peg. "Mary Deferrari has been appointed school nurse upon the recommendation of Anne Barrett, a new teacher at the Highland Street School and *Marilyn Shapiro* is the new music teacher at the Pearl Street School. Remember how successful she was in Hollywood playing "Hat Rack Blues" written by *Shirley Woodward*?"

Junior barged in to get the comic section. He was enthusiastically following the exciting adventures of "Sally Mandy and the Case of the Silver Nickel" which is written by *Tommy Burbine* and drawn by his secretaries, *Barbara Williams* and *Elizabeth Leonard*.

Peg read aloud a few items from the "Woman's Page." "Priscilla Norwood's stockings, which have the seams in front so women can tell whether they are straight, are the rage in Florida. *Eva Bruce*, who has succeeded Helena Rubinstein, is offering an uncrackable, unscratchable nail polish which is designed to keep the nails in perfect condition."

I told her that that topic interested me only slightly, so she read on in silence and I looked over the Real Estate items. *Margaret Charles*, now managing Charles' Block, was planning to build two more department stores; her petition to tear down the old Library was rejected.

The ads on page nine attracted my attention. Many were from members of the class of '43 so I read them to

Peg. "Do you have small children? If you do, attend *Nancy Pratt's* baby school to learn the necessary rudiments of child care."

"You don't want to be a wallflower all your life, do you? If not, come to *Martha Stimpson's* dancing class. Her guarantee is your security."

"She'll give you a permanent that will last a long while. Her permanents also will make you smile. And when she is done, if you feel full of wrath, Then the only one who could have done it would be *Agnes McGrath*"

"I thought the last one was very original," said Peg. "I must make an appointment to have my hair set."

"Here is another poem," I chuckled, and read:

"We pay the highest prices around  
We pay more than anyone in town  
We pay 10c a pound for paper and for rags,  
And 15c for iron and for old cloth bags.

*Russ Carter, Junkman*"

I read on, "Are you insured? If not, look out, or *Mary Tanner's* Insurance Company will get you!"

The next ad reminded me that my car needed to be greased. "Does your car need repairing? If so, bring it to *Dick Goodwin*, the mechanic."

"Look," I said suddenly to Peg. "Marjorie Hill and *Muriel Jones* announce that their Real Estate agencies will be combined, thus establishing the Jones Hill Agency. That confirms the rumor that the North Reading woods will be cut down and homes built there. Maybe they'll even build their own high school!"

The next item read, "George Boyce (known to all as 'Snipe') wishes to announce that he will reopen his drug store next Thursday. All goods spoiled only a little by the fire will be sold at cut-rate! Why don't you run down tomorrow and see what is left, Peg?"

The last ad on the page was, "Get the most from your meat coupons. Buy chickens and roosters at *Komenda's* farm, North Reading."

Peg read about the births and found that the stork was not very busy. His only recent customers were:

Mr. and Mrs. *Stephen Miller* are the proud parents of a ten-pound boy born at the *Jean Gleason* hospital, named after the well-known War II nurse.

A surprise shower was given for Eleanor Arnold (nee *Eleanor Smith*) for her coming third child. *Berry*, the father, is doing wonderfully.

A few minutes later, Peg poked her head out from behind her section and suggested, "As long as we have nothing planned for Friday evening, dear, why don't we go to the church supper put on by *Phyllis Douglass*, *Eleanor Kenney*, *Jane Veazie*, *Gretchen Weber*, and *Lorraine and Helen Kimball*. There'll be a lot of feminine pulchritude for sale. An apple pie contest is being held and *Margaret Ivers*, *Shirley Dodge* and *Mary Halloran* are planning to enter. They are wonderful cooks, darling, so you will enjoy yourself. Shall I call up and have you listed as one of the judges? So far they have only two, *Louise Charles* and *Elinor Reardon*."

In one corner of the page was an advertisement for the Reading "Behind the Three Ball" pawn shop. I remembered guiltily that I had tossed the dotted cubes around too much the night before with the gang at the Police Station and I had a stack of I. O. U.'s to make good. I decided to take a little trip to see the three managers of our illustrious pawn shop, *Gertrude Nickerson*, *Doris Gadbois*, and *June Peterson*.

I nearly jumped out of my chair when Peg ejaculated, "Darling, unless our trusted Chronicle is wrong, our classmate *Rosalie Wistuba* is now Lady Rosalie, and I didn't know a thing about it! Where have I been? As I was saying, it says: 'Lady Rosalie, wife of Lord Agamemnon Sniffleberry, entertained last Friday evening a group of her friends that included *June Doran* and *Alice Ellis* who also snagged some of the royalty left in Britain. Lady Rosalie showed the chromo-film of her recent trip around the world in her private yacht."

I said that she could have her Europe, but I'd still stick to good old Reading. A large headline, "Attention," caught my eye. "All people be on the lookout for *Louise Kimball*, last seen walking down Summer Avenue. We don't know whether she is lost, strayed, or stolen."

"Hubby, here is a ravishing picture of *Pat Gray* which was flashed when she finally consented to be a model for the No. 1 artist of the country, *Donald Rich*."

"I think I'll take up drawing," I said, just to plague

Peg. She glared at me and ducked behind the newspaper. She popped out again with, "Are you dead?" I looked at her quizzically until she continued, "If you are, the Chronicle advises you to visit *Adelle Sargent's* Funeral Home. Embalming done at reasonable rates — all the more money left for your heirs to fight over."

"Oh, dear," I moaned. "I was planning to burn up that pile of brush in the back yard sometime next week, but this item changes my plans. 'Fire Chief *Pendergast* says that no fire permits will be issued during the month of June because of the danger of forest fires'."

"Here's something in the school news about an old classmate, dear," said Peg. "You remember *Connie Parry*? She has completed her art training and will teach in the Reading Schools next year. Those lucky kids!"

There's a change of staff at the new Reading Orphanage. *Connie Davis* is turning over the superintendency to *Betty Lynch*, because she is going to marry and plans to have children of her own.

"Here's something that shows patience dear," I said, "At the home of *Miss Shirley Lieberman*, a red, white, and blue orchid is in bloom for the first time since she purchased the plant eight years ago."

Underneath that item, the Quannapowitt Players advertised as their new play, "Thirteenth Night" by *Elizabeth Ham* at Shepardson Hall, Friday, June 28, 1953. *Margaret Slack* plays the part of the doting mother of *Jean Mullen*, *Shirley Hatch*, and *Mary Spillane*. Tickets may be obtained by calling the president of the club, *Virginia Eldridge*, telephone Reading 00000, or *Anna Burbine*, telephone Reading 83479RJ, the secretary. The new director of the club is *Mildred Tracy*, so the play surely will be a success.

I was just about to suggest that we call Anna in a hurry when simultaneously sniffing the suffocating smell of burned onions, we tore out of the living room leaving the Chronicle, as usual, scattered on the sofa.

Nancy Pratt '43  
David Dow '43  
Thomas Burbine '43  
Barbara Rich '43

# Class Will

We, of the Class of '43, being of sound (?) mind, do bequeath these tokens of affection to certain of our classmates and teachers:

1. To "Errol" Carter, a \$ .39 balcony ticket. We know he'll find the right theater.

2. To Eddie Fitzgerald, a hair ribbon to keep his "gorgeous" wave out of his eyes.

3. To Robert Lowe, the Cheerleaders, so he may never run out of models.

4. To all the boys of the class who are in the service, the complete addresses of the female section of our class.

5. To Miss Burns, we return some of the hair torn out during the senior play rehearsals.

6. To Richard Dill, we give this comb and jar of wave set so his beautiful locks may always be in place.

7. For John Maguire, we have a package of asbestos towels, to foil the firebug of R. H. S.

8. To "Skinhead" Theodorou, we leave this pair of dice, with never-wear corners.

9. To Mr. Pope, a chemistry set to replace the equipment suspiciously lost in lab.

10. To "H. L." Clapperton, a 20-ride ticket for Stoneham. Maybe he can make up his mind.

11. To Dave Dow, we leave a book entitled "The Art of Love." May he profit by its contents.

12. To Ethel Chapman, a letter of introduction to Cecil B. DeMille. Let's hope that Glenn Hodson gets stationed nearby.

13. To Sherm Stone, we leave a piano, so he may practice his boogie woogie without being enticed from the music room.

14. To Mr. Sussmann, a pocket-size gavel, so he will not wear out his jack-knife, by rapping with it for attention.

15. To Joe Griffin, we give these dark glasses to protect him from the glare of the spotlight, when he attends a certain popular theater in Boston.

16. To Bob Beaumont, we leave a medal for achievement, for being the most frequent visitor to the "Inner Sanctum."

17. To Robert Cooper, we give a book entitled "My Adolescent Years."

18. To Connie Davis, we leave the address of a private detective agency so that she may keep track of her "Don Juans."

19. To Mr. Halpin we give this "privilege" of solving all our future problems.

20. To Miss Reed we leave a soldier, a sailor and a marine.

21. To Russ Gunn, we give this razor with which to protect himself, on his frequent visits to the Savoy.

22. To Winnie Fowle we leave an extra ration book, with which to feed the numerous guests at her "open house" parties.

23. To John Marchetti, we leave a real "Zoot" chain.

24. To everybody's friend, Charlie, we give a basket of good wishes from the class of '43.

25. To Mary Kelly, a pair of stilts to bring her up to Dick's height.

26. To Lorraine Loughlin, a leash that she may always keep track of Edgar.

27. To Paul Quinlan, these dog biscuits for "Ruff."

28. To Dot Kelley, a block of paper to record her spirited notations for "True Confessions."

29. To Mr. Blanchard, a joke book to keep his classes in good spirits.

30. To Jose Pendergast, this line to add to the one he already has.

31. To the Class of '44, we leave all debts incurred by us during our escapades in R. H. S.

With this we conclude the Last Will and Testament of the Class of '43. May those who have been left these tokens be duly impressed and cherish them to their dying day.

We, the Members of the Will Committee, now bid you "Adieu."

Mary Tanner  
Dana Alward  
Margaret Ivers  
Glenn Hodson

# Class Elections

TITLE	BOY	GIRL
MOST POPULAR	Donald Clapperton	Nancy Pratt
BEST LOOKING	Richard Brown	Doris Delong
BEST DRESSED	Richard Brown	Jane Veazie
CUTEST	John Lehne	Nancy Pratt
BEST ATHLETE	George Fennelly	Helen Poland
BEST DANCER	Joseph Pendergast	Lorraine Loughlin
MOST PERSONALITY	Donald Clapperton	Lorraine Loughlin
MOST AMBITIOUS	Kenneth Bushway	Helen Poland
MOST VERSATILE	Donald Clapperton	Helen Poland
WITTIEST	Joseph Griffin	Dorothy Kelly
TEACHER'S DELIGHT	Kenneth Bushway	Betty Hoffer
TEACHER'S BANE	Charles Cummings	Dorothy Kelly
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED	Kenneth Bushway	Betty Hoffer
BEST NATURED	Richard Stevens	Jean McClintock
MOST SERIOUS	Arthur Bancroft	Pauline Marsteller
CLASS GIGGLER	Richard Stevens	Nancy Pratt
MOST BASHFUL	Robert Webb	Virginia Eldredge
MOST SOPHISTICATED	Edward Fitzgerald	Doris Delong
GUM CHEWER	John Marchetti	Dorothy Kelly
CLASS COUPLE No. 1	Michael Toomey	Doris Delong
CLASS COUPLE No. 2	Paul Quinlan	Phyllis Barr
HEARTBREAKER	Richard Brown	Doris Delong
MOST VIVACIOUS	Richard Stevens	Nancy Pratt
CLASS ACTOR (ACTRESS)	Richard Stevens	Ethel Chapman
MOST CHEERFUL	Richard Stevens	Nancy Pratt
MOST DIGNIFIED	Glenn Hodson	Ruth Van Horn
MOST COURTEOUS	William Cuneo	Ruth Van Horn
IDEAL R. H. S. STUDENT	Kenneth Bushway	Jean Maguire
CLASS ARTIST	Richard Marston	Constance Parry
CLASS BABY (AGE)	Barry Arnold	Barbara Spillane
CLASS CLOWN	Charles Cummings	Dorothy Kelly
BEST LEADER	Donald Clapperton	Jean Maguire
MOST MUSICALLY INCLINED	Russell Gunn	Winnifred Fowle
CHATTERBOX	Richard Stevens	Dorothy Kelly
SCATTERBRAIN	Charles Cummings	Dorothy Kelly
JUNIOR GIRL (BOY)	Manuel Perry	Jean MacLeod
DID MOST FOR R. H. S.	Donald Clapperton	Jean Maguire
MOST FLIRTATIOUS	Joseph Pendergast	Frances Redmond

## Senior Play



*Senior Play Cast*

### WHAT A LIFE!

This year the Senior Class was fortunate in having Miss Burns direct the annual play. Much of the general confusion and many of the calamitous incidents in the play were comparable to those at Reading High.

The plot involves a typical high school pupil, Henry Aldrich (Richard Stevens), and his girl friend, Barbara Pearson (Nancy Pratt). The play begins in the office of the principal, Mr. Bradley (Bill Hole), at Central High School, where we are first introduced to Miss Shea (Ethel Chapman), Mr. Bradley's private secretary, and Mr. Nelson (Glen Hodson), the assistant principal of Central High. Our attention is diverted by the appearance of Mr. "Twitch" Patterson (Richard Marston), who is the teacher largely responsible for Henry's predicament. Miss Pike (Peggy Crowell), the cold blooded member of the faculty, perpetually accompanied by a sneeze, enters dressed in Arctic attire. Bill (John Lehne), the first student to enter upon the scene, like most students doesn't know whether he is coming or going. Miss Eggleston (Joan Davis), enters complaining that school is starting three minutes late.

At this point we are first warned of the affair between Miss Shea and Mr. Nelson. The tender scene which follows is interrupted by Miss Johnson (Winnie Fowle), the robust gym instructor. The discussion continues, only to be interrupted by Mr. Vechitto, the tattered junk dealer, (Russell Carter), who proved to be a genuinely humorous addition to the cast. The hero of the play, Henry Aldrich, makes his first entrance at this time, followed in a few moments by his handsome fluff of femininity, Barbara Pearson. Gertie (Dot Kelley), the ticket super-salesgirl, attempts to force on Henry two tickets for the rapidly approaching Spring Dance. The principal, Mr. Bradley, who assumes everyone else's responsibilities, strides confidently into his office.

The actual plot of the play begins to unfold when Miss Wheeler (Jean Maguire), the school musical instructor, announces to Mr. Bradley that the entire high school band has been stolen. George Bigelow (Bill Cuneo), the class sheik and Henry's rival, enters the office to discuss some difficulty in which he has involved Henry. The play progresses rather roughly for Henry, until the breaking point which occurs when Mrs. Aldrich (Ruth Van Horne), comes to discuss Mr. Bradley's trouble with Henry, or is it the other way around?

## Senior Play



*Senior Play Committee*

During this time Vechitto has been waiting for his daughter, Mary. When Mary Deeter (Adelle Sargent), a colored girl, is accidentally summoned, Vechitto nearly suffers a relapse. Thanks to Mr. Ferguson (George Arnold), the unpolished detective, Henry is proved innocent of stealing the band instruments and George Bigelow is proved guilty.

Much of the success of the play should be attributed to the various committees:

Stage Manager—Helen Poland.

Assistant Stage Manager—Thomas Burbine.

Stage Crew—Bert Kilgore, Donald Rich.

Student Director—Ruth Higgins.

Lights—Arthur Bancroft, Steven Miller.

Poster—Ruth Amback, Chairman; Doris Delong, David Dow, Mildred Tracy, Helen Kimball.

Publicity—Elizabeth White, Chairman; Margaret

Charles, Richard Dill, Russell Gunn.

Properties—Mary Tanner, Chairman; Mary Kelly, Jane Veazie, Frannie Redmond, Sherman Stone, Crawford Reed, Dana Alward.

Costumes—Barbara Courser, Chairman; Nancy Perry, Alice Ellis, Margaret Ivers, Berry Arnold.

Tickets—Jean McClintock, Chairman; Caroline Foster, Edna Barnby, Alice Larrabee, Martha Stimpson.

Jr. High Performance—Althea Crilley, Chairman; Betty Hoffer, Marilyn Monegan.

Ushers—Donald Clapperton, Chairman; Robert Sansom, Richard Brown, Kenneth Bushway, Robert Beaumont, Donald Pease, Roger Batchelder, Douglas Williams.

Candy—Shirley Woodward, Chairman; Pat Curtin, Barbara Nielson, Audrey Powers, Constance Parry, Lorraine Loughlin, Pat Gray.

Program—Beryl Cook, Chairman; Jean Gleason, Agnes McGrath, Rosalie Wistuba, Gretchen Weber, Barbara Rich, Natalie Gray, Katie Wright.

Bill (George Bigelow) Cuneo '43



## Sophomore Memories



Last September ninth, a worried appearing group of boys and girls arrived at R. H. S., fresh from the junior high and a summer vacation. After being instructed in the assembly hall by Mr. Sussmann, as to what we were and were not to do, we were sent to our homerooms to endure the fate which awaited us there.

The next day seemed worse, trying to find all those rooms that were not where they should be. It wasn't an easy task. We learned from the teachers all we must do, but the trouble was, not one would tell us his or her name.

The first week was pretty confusing, but things began to look brighter from then on. We held class elections, using Parliamentary Procedure, and emerged with James Hildreth, for president; David Rollins, vice-president; Sylvia Batchelder, secretary; and Eleanor Nigro, as treasurer.

Plans have not yet been made for the annual Sophomore Hop, but we are hoping it will be soon.

We agree with other classes that swinging doors are a menace to society; and how are we supposed to manage them without dropping all our books? The traffic rules are no help either.

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Burridge, we have been pulled out of most of the holes. Heading the class Honor Roll are Paul Lesure, Kenneth Roberts, Barbara Johnson, Eleanor Horton, Eleanor Hatfield, Martin Lappin, Margaret Lyons, and Virginia Morss.

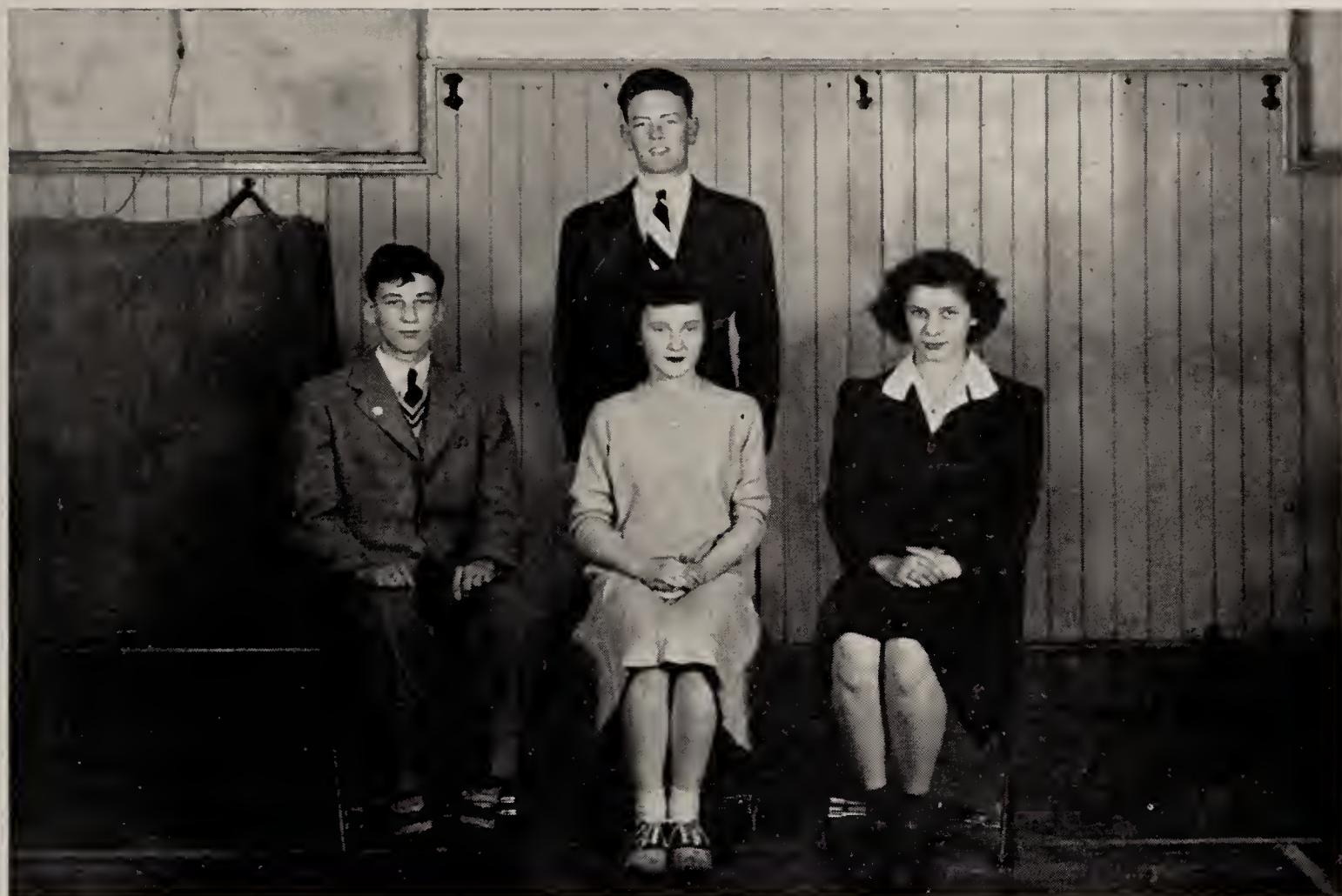
The sophomore class was well represented on the football and basketball teams by Ned Bloom, Danny Norwood, Bill Fennelly, Robert Neagle, Edward Conron, and Frank Leach.

All in all, we have really enjoyed our sophomore year, but maybe we can have more authority next year; that is, providing we are elevated to the heights of juniors.

Joan Wilcox '45



## Junior Doings



Another school year almost finished! That calls for a report of *Junior doings* and here it is!

On December 8, 1943 the Juniors held their first, rather belated, class meeting. The purpose of this assembly was to nominate class officers and to discuss the forthcoming Junior Prom. It was decided that the former officers and the nominees for Junior class officers would make up the committee for the Prom. At this meeting our class treasurer, Carroll Magison, presented his resignation which was accepted.

On the 18th of December our familiar old assembly hall, disguised with pine branches and bogus snow, rocked to the music of Bill Rich's orchestra. Although the Junior Prom was no success financially, socially it went over the top.

During the year, some of our Junior boys left to join the service. We certainly do miss Bill Bowers, Donald Spaulding, and Edgar Webster. We'd like to take

this opportunity to say that we're extremely proud of these three boys.

The Juniors assembled again on the 29th of March. At that time, Charles Field was elected treasurer of the Junior class, and it was voted that the previous Sophomore class officers carry on until May, when the class of '44 will elect the officers of their senior class. To straighten you out after that lengthy discourse, Junior class officers are: president, Janet Bird; vice-president, Joe Dunn; secretary, Ruth Graupner; and treasurer, Charles Field.

Right around the corner is our Senior year and although we're rather apprehensive of it, we'll do our best! Am I right in saying that, class of '44?

Janet Bird '44



## Basketball



Under the leadership of our new coach Walter Mirey, Reading was able to have a fairly successful year, winning many games by large margins and losing many by single points.

Led by Donald Ahearn, the team won seven games and lost eight. However, the scores do not talk for themselves.

In many games the last minutes of play proved fatal to Reading only because of bad luck. (Gremlins, no doubt?)

The boys, who did such a fine job were: Captain Donald Ahearn, Robert Carter, Kevin Desmond, David

Some of the scores were:

	Reading	Opponent
Wakefield	25	27
Punchard	51	14
Stoneham	54	14
Winchester	35	30
Belmont	29	31
Wakefield	33	35
Woburn	20	23

Dow, Joe Dunn, James Emery, Edward Fitzgerald, Joe Pendergast and Arthur White.

With a snappy second team filling in the senior positions next year, we will have without doubt, just as



successful a season if not a better one. The second team this year showed it had what it takes, for it won nine games and lost five.

Here's hoping next year's record will be even better.

Russell Carter '43

# Basketball



The girls' basketball season opened with the juniors and seniors playing against Malden's first and second teams. In the first team versus R. H. S. seniors, Reading was triumphant by the score of 41-32. The juniors too, after a tight battle, were victorious over Malden by a score of 27-25.

In the second and last game of the season the seniors, juniors, and sophomores played the Melrose teams of the same classes. The seniors lost by the score of 38-14. The juniors waged a fight to the finish, ending in a 30-30 deadlock. In their only game of the year, the sophomores of R. H. S. lost by the score of 18-12.

The girls participating in the games were:

## *Seniors*

Helen Poland, *Capt.*  
Althea Crilley  
Barbara Normine  
Patricia Gray  
Natalie Gray  
Margaret Ivers  
Betty Ham  
Phyllis Barr  
Caroline Foster  
Edna Barmby  
Ann Barrett

## *Juniors*

Margaret O'Keefe, *Capt.*  
Jean Frongillo  
Jean MaeLeod  
Arlene Surette  
Ruth Batchelder  
Gail Packer  
Barbara Fieneman  
Patricia Bradley  
Shirley Campbell  
Nancy Steber  
Marie MacPherson

## *Sophomores*

Jeanne Fuller, *Capt.*  
Dorothy Sullivan  
Barbara Folger  
Eleanor Wallaee  
Gladys Carter  
Priscilla Fancy  
Doris Bain  
Ellen Tanner  
Jacqueline White  
Ruth Barrett

# Baseball



Under the direction of our new coach, Mr. Mirey, the baseball practice for 1943 started out with true enthusiasm and is showing plenty of spirit and promise. We are very fortunate in having as coach, Mr. Mirey, who is a former University of New Hampshire star and all round athlete.

A large squad reported for practice the first of the year, but by the time the game with Woburn came around, there were only about twenty-seven players to maintain the baseball tradition of Reading in the Middlesex League.

With three letter men from last year, it looks like Reading will have a much better season, fighting all the time for the championship of the league. The seniors who are back from last year are: George Fennelly and Paul Quinlan, who have been on the first team for three years in a row, and also Francis Kiley, who has had two years' service on the first string.

The juniors on the team consist of Penn Michelini, who can play either first base or pitcher equally well, Donald Ahearn who is a great pitcher and third baseman, Bill Warren the only man who can fill the shoes of George Fennelly as catcher, and that great spirited

player, Joe Dunn, who although he is smaller than any of the other members of the squad, is always trying and thereby offers a good example for our older and bigger players.

Other players who show signs of promise are: Bob Neagle, Frankie Leach, David Dow, Milton Tompkins, Teddy Theodorou and Richard Brown.

If the boys continue their good work and co-operation, we will without doubt merit the championship award.

The schedule is as follows:

April 23—Reading at Woburn  
28—Winchester at Reading  
30—Reading at Concord  
May 5—Lexington at Reading  
7—Belmont at Reading  
12—Reading at Stoneham  
14—Reading at Winchester  
18—Concord at Reading  
21—Reading at Lexington  
26—Reading at Belmont  
June 1—Stoneham at Reading  
4—Woburn at Reading



## Cross Country



The Cross Country team had a more active season this year than any previous one. It included seven races and three meets. Captain Roger Wheeler and Richard Marston were the only returning veterans; but other lettermen included Barry Arnold, Francis St. Hilaire, James Hildreth, David Rollins, and Preston Crowell. Alternates were Thomas Thornton, Robert Batchelder, Richard Evans, Calvin Penny and Donald MacLeod. The first race was on Oct. 1 at Everett Trade School where Captain Wheeler finished second, Marston seventh, and St. Hilaire eighth. The next race was with Melrose Oct. 9, where Richard Marston was fourth and Wheeler was eighth. Barry Arnold finished tenth. We also dropped this one 18-51. The next four races at Melrose, Everett, Woburn and Woburn were all unfavorable at the finish line for Reading's harriers due to a lack of reserves. We finally came to the Greater Boston meet which we had been waiting for and ended up tied third with Concord, behind Everett and Saugus. Revere was our next race, Nov. 4, and since we had beat them in the Greater Bos-

ton meet, we won again! Roger Wheeler was 1st, Marston 2nd, St. Hilaire 6th, Arnold 7th, and Rollins 12th. On Nov. 7th, we went to the Boston University State meet and finished ninth as a team. Captain Wheeler finished seventh out of eighty runners and received a medal. Marston, Arnold, and Hildreth were the next Reading runners to finish. Our last race was the North Shore Championship on Nov. 11. We finished fourth out of six teams. Wheeler and Marston placed third and fifth respectively and both received medals. The team appreciates the time and services which our coach, Mr. Taylor, and Manager Alan Hodges gave to us this season and we look forward to next year with better hopes.

Barry Arnold '43



## Football



For the third year the Reading football team started the season with a new coach. Coach Mirey came to us from the University of New Hampshire where he had a marvelous record. He was captain of the football team, one of the two freshmen on the skiing team and also President of his class and his fraternity.

Our first game was lost to Swampscott, but the team was inexperienced. Under Coach Mirey's supervision and practice, Reading came back to tie Johnson High. In this game a different formation was introduced and the boys did remarkably well. They were into Johnson territory many times, and because of a few errors Reading was stopped from scoring. After this game, the players' morale was high, and Reading went through Ipswich 13 to 7. Although Reading lost to Puncard the next game, they rolled over a favored Danvers eleven. One of the new discoveries of the season was Francis Kiley, who played guard during the Danvers game. This was the first time he played this position. Reading continued the march and defeated Chelmsford.

In the next game, Reading faced an undefeated team; and although they fought hard, they lost to Win-

chester 27 to 0. After this defeat the boys were in a low ebb and were defeated again by Lexington. They succeeded in getting a touchdown the last quarter. Incidentally, during this game a new play, the "Twomey" special was introduced with some success.

Then came the opponent every Reading fan was waiting for—Wakefield. The clouds were dark, the air freezing, and the ground hard, but the team came through with flying colors. Everyone played well, and the blocking was the best of the season. We were leading until the end of the game when one of our passes was intercepted and Wakefield went into the lead. Although the game was lost, we won everything but the game and the referee. John Sullivan and "Bush" Ahearn were outstanding with a new T formation pass—"Bush" passing and "Sully" catching.

After this came the annual Thanksgiving game with Stoneham. According to some of the Boston sports writers, Stoneham was scheduled to roll over Coach Mirey's eleven. But all the plays clicked, and Reading was far superior to Stoneham doing the exact opposite of what was predicted. "Muffy" Tompkins blocked three

kicks and "Bush" Ahearn's passes worked wonders. Joe Pendergast, George Fennelly, and "Manny" Perry also did their share with excellent cooperation from the line.

When our first touchdown was scored the Reading fans, and players were overjoyed, and everyone was in a happy mood. Stoneham tried one last desperate attempt to tie the game, but they were plowed under, by the charging Reading eleven. Following the game "Manny" Perry and "Bill" Warren were elected co-captains of next year's team.

After the successful season, the team was honored by a banquet. One of the line coaches from B. C., Harry Marr, was a guest, also Eddie Pidgeon, coach at Medford. The highlight of the evening came, when Coach Mirey presented the sweaters to the team.

The following received sweaters, George Fennelly and "Mike" Toomey, co-captains, Francis Kiley, Joe Pendergast, Dick Webster, John Sullivan, Donald Clap-

perton, Bill Hole, Paul Geary, Bill Lander, Manny Perry, Bill Warren, Muffy Tompkins, Joe Dunn, Bush Ahearn, Penn Michelini, Frank Leach, and Danny Norwood.

The two capable managers, Rocco Mathieson, and Frank Brennan also received sweaters for their membership on the 1942 team. The following is a summary of the games:

Reading	0	Swampscott	25
"	0	Johnson	0
"	12	Ipswich	7
"	0	Punehard	15
"	19	Danvers	0
"	12	Chelmsford	6
"	0	Winehester	27
"	7	Lexington	19
"	2	Wakefield	6
"	13	Stoneham	7



## Hockey Team



This year Miss Nichols was unfortunate in having few girls turn out for hockey, so some of the girls played on both teams.

The teams were made up of three sophomores: Arlene Henry, Jeanne Fuller, and Priscilla Fancy (all of whom played exceptionally well for sophomores); juniors: Jean MacLeod, Alice Wheeler, Arlene Surrette, who played a smashing game in the line, backed by Phyllis Lindquist, Marie MacPherson, Pat Bradley, Gloria Lake, and Barbara Fieneman. (Fenie's good goal tending was a sight to behold) and seniors: Betty Hoffer, Pat Curtin, Barbara Normine, Gertrude Doucette, Althea Crilley, Adelle Sargent, Marilyn Monegan (who was always there to stop the ball) Caroline Foster (who did a grand job as goalie), Anne Barrett (who always fought with the good old Reading spirit) and Co-captains Helen Poland and Edna Barmby.

The teams played two home games and one out-of-town.

In the opening game of the season, the first team was defeated 4-0 by the highly spirited and superior Swampscott team, the second team was hardly more successful for, after a hard fight, Reading lost 2-0.

Our second game was played on the home field where a powerful fighting Stoneham team defeated us by a small score. The second team fought hard, but lost by one goal.

In the last game we travelled to Melrose with high hopes, even though Melrose has never been defeated. It was therefore a moral victory when Lady Luck was against us, for Melrose beat the first team 3-0. The second team fought tooth and nail and the final score showed a tie 0-0.

At the end of the season the hockey squad expressed its appreciation to the coach, Miss Nichols, for all she had done, by giving her a present. We hope you will have better luck next year, Miss Nichols.

Edna Barmby

## A Capella Choir



A direct steal from "Strolling Through the Park One Day":

While strolling through our school one day  
In the merry, merry month of May,  
If you hear a lot of noise—it's just the girls and boys  
Of Mr. Peck's A Capella Choir.

Because a well trained choir of forty-three voices just can't be neglected, here's a report of their activities of this school year.

The A Capella Choir, directed by Mr. Peck and accompanied by Jean Eisenhaure, Marilyn Shapiro, and Priscilla Fancy, has accomplished much this year. Four regular assemblies at the Reading High School, the musical background for two radio plays, a program at the Junior High School, a concert at the Rotary Club and the Reading Grange, and an entertainment for

the North Reading Parent-Teacher Association comprised the list of achievements for the year 1942-43.

Best remembered are the wild bus rides to and from North Reading on the night of March 10th, the refreshments at the Rotary Club concert, and the speeches at the Grange.

Janet Bird '44

Connie Chesley '44



## Cheer Leaders



R-E-A-D-I-N-G Yeah! How many times have you heard this chant coming from the football field? If you followed the sound, this is what you would find — a squad composed of eight peppy cheerleaders, bedecked in their colorful uniforms, backed up by the vigorous and spontaneous shoutings from the R. H. S. bleachers. Besides being actively present at the football games, our season consisted of sponsoring victory dances, rallies,



and practices. We really enjoyed a successful season, so catch our megaphones, junior cheerleaders, and carry on where we left off!

Betty Ham '43

# Traffic Squad



Under the supervision of our competent director, Mr. Fitzgerald, the traffic force achieved a highly successful year.

Our traffic squad was organized shortly after the April vacation of last year and remained on duty until relieved by the newly selected Junior force.

During the year, eight meetings were held, air raid drills successfully conducted in a quiet orderly manner, and for the third successive year, the rotary traffic system operated favorably.

Mr. Fitzgerald extends his appreciation to the members of the squad for their efficient performance during the year.



Following are the members of the squad:

#### First Floor:

Otis Anderson	Glen Hodson
Arthur Bancroft	Bill Hole
Roger Batchelder	John Lehne
Lawrence Doucette	Donald Pease, <i>Captain</i>
	Sherman Stone

#### Second Floor:

Kenneth Bushway	Norman Martin
Russell Carter	Steven Miller, <i>Captain</i>
Wesley Dewhurst	Roger Wheeler, <i>Captain</i>
Sherman Knight	Crawford Reed
Richard Marston	Robert Sansom, <i>Captain</i>
	John Sullivan

#### Third Floor:

Bert Howe	Robert Webb	William Ryer
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## Red Cross



Every Monday the Red Cross room of the Center School has been the scene of a bustle of activity, for approximately fifteen of our high school girls spend the afternoon hours rolling bandages under the supervision of Mrs. Frederick Boyers and Mrs. Agnes Gillis. The group was first organized on January 25, and the girls

have become more and more adept, with each meeting, in the art of bandage-rolling. We should all be proud of these girls who are doing such a fine job and attempt next year to increase their number.

Winnifred Fowle '43

## Student Council



The Student Council of Reading High held its first meeting the fifteenth of October with Mr. Pitkin as the new faculty adviser. Donald Clapperton was elected president of the Council and Dorothy Libbey the capable secretary.

Throughout the year the Council has attempted to aid the war effort in the school by sponsoring many activities.

Plans for a Victory Corps were discussed in the Council in February and presented to the homerooms for approval. The majority of the students favored the initiation of a Victory Corps. Applications for the Corps are now being received.

The Council also sponsored a War Bond and Stamp Drive which began the last of March and closed this Friday before the April vacation. The goal of nine hundred dollars for a jeep was realized within the first three weeks of the drive.

The Constitution Committee drew up and drafted a constitution for the Student Council. The proposed constitution was presented to the council and to the various classes to be approved by them. The constitution, which is finally accepted by the school will be put into effect next fall.

Jean Gleason '43



## Tri-Hi



The Tri-Hi Club began its formal activities on October 15, 1942 with Jean Maguire as president, Janet Bird as vice-president, Helen Poland as secretary, Pat Gray as treasurer, and Bette Ham as chaplain.

Tri-Hi decided to help in the war effort by rolling bandages at the Red Cross Center and by buying a war bond which is to be added to our scholarship fund. Tri-Hi also sent both Paul Fitzgerald and Lena Puzick sunshine baskets.

Tri-Hi was very fortunate in having at a meeting, Mr. Eugene Benyas, swing editor of the Harvard *Crimson*,

son, who played several swing records—and explained how to listen to music.

For the remainder of the year, Tri-Hi has planned to include in its program a lecture by Mr. A. Imrie Dixon and an assembly for the girls of the school, when Mrs. Mary Carr Baker will speak on "Poise, Pep, and Personality." A banquet will end our year of fun and activity.

Helen Poland '43



## War Bonds and Stamps



Reading High has been contributing to the War Effort this year in several ways. One of the biggest is the sale of war stamps and bonds. Every day during lunch and home room periods, the colorful booth on the first floor opens for business for Uncle Sam.

Pearl Harbor Day was a highlight in the campaign for on that day, the students cleaned their jeans of \$212.85.

Perhaps the biggest attraction during the year was the "Jeep Drive," carried on from March 17 to April 21. The goal in the drive was to sell \$900 worth of stamps, thereby to purchase a jeep for the armed services.

On April first, the Stamp Committee announced that R. H. S. had gone over the top. They decided unanimously to continue the drive until the original deadline. When April twenty-first came, the total amount sold was over \$1500. We're sure the Army appreciated the jeep and two-thirds provided by Reading High. Our sales for the year exceeded \$3000.

Stamp Salesmen who spent a lunch period a week at the booth were: E. Carroll Magison, Louise Davis, Charles Field, Jean MaeLeod, Frieda Murray, Donald Pease, Ken Bushway, Don Clapperton, Joan Davis, and Caroline Foster.

Jimmy Baker and Richard Dill spent many an eighth period traveling between the school and the Post Office purchasing stamps. Dot Delong and other art students contributed many decorative posters, which did their bit in promoting sales. Don Rieh and Tom Burbine gave the booth an attractive re-paint job.

Mr. Halpin has been our adviser and has had many a headache because of our bookkeeping.

To him, and to these salesmen, artists, and messengers, we are extremely grateful.

Jean Maguire '43  
Elizabeth White '43

# ALUMNI NEWS

## THE FATE OF FORTY-TWO

Of the one hundred seventy-seven graduates of the Class of 1942, approximately two dozen of the boys are still wearing civilian apparel. Our illustrious class is well represented in all parts of the world. The girls also are holding their own in varied careers.

Our versatile president, Ralph Herrick, after a triumphant semester at Fitchburg State Teachers' College, joined the Naval Air Cadets at Amherst College. Other Naval Air Cadets are Eddie McIntire, and Howard "Shorty" Bates. This is by no means the extent of the boys in blue. "Whipper" Marchetti is putting the knowledge of paint and brush which he gained in Mr. Kibbee's work shop to practical usage by diligently camouflaging Uncle Sam's destroyers as a member of the U. S. Navy. Others who have found their sea legs include Francis "Drake" Aglio, Clifford Toussaint, Thornton Struss, "Butch" Sletterink, Harry Irons, John Hegarty, Robert Frotten, Arthur Foster, Richard White, and Charlie Carroll. North Reading also boasts of Bill Conron and Bob Crosby as sailors.

Our industrious valedictorian Marguerite still pursues the road to an "abundant life" by Bible study at school. The sophistocate of the senior play, Winnie, as Mrs. Wheeler, is laboriously studying at Swarthmore after a successful tour of the summer circuit as "Queenie la Flamme." Joyce Pollitz is exploring new fields at Westbrook Jr. College. At Jackson, we find Barb Davis, a veteran of Pioneer days, following a wicked course but managing to take an active part in the social functions at Tufts. Libby Burpee and John Crooker, our class couple, have fulfilled our prophecy by announcing their engagement to be married. We hear occasionally that Libby abandons her studies at LaSalle Jr. College to visit the Marine in her life at Philadelphia.

Marshall Davis, star of our senior play, doffed his World War I khakis of "Clarence" and donned those of a doughboy in World War II. Football playing Joe Anderson now carries the ball for Uncle Sam along with Robert Anderson, George Black, Charles Collins, William Hudson, Paul Johnston, Donald Wilmont, and Eddie Noonan.

White-collar girls who ride the "B. & M. Commuters' Special" include Pat Lane, Kay Maling, who recently became an efficient secretary at Katie Gibbs, demure Flo Pierce, and heartbreakers Nat Pestana, Phyllis Gormlie, and Lorraine Fox. Some of our commuters who cannot suppress their lust for more knowledge and seek more "larnin'" at night school are Margie Webster, Lucy Gonnam, and Phyllis Springfield.

The Richards, Beaumont and Brooks have merged in business with their respective fathers. David Crane may be seen driving an oil truck. At the navy yard are Kelly Arsenault, and Walter Gallant; also in defense plants are John Griffin, Lennie Rose, Tom Hubbard, Bob Merrill and Martin Shapiro at G. E.

President of the track layers of the Boston and Maine Railroad is Charles Spear, Esq. Little Bolic Schultz is fulfilling a mighty job supplying the nation with food. Yes, he's a farmer.

The gracious receptionist at Doc Anderson's is red-head Louise Sias. The cosmopolite, Connie Hain, is recuperating at home, after a few strenuous months employed in the city.

The Florence Nightingales of our clan are the unforgettable brat Cora, Betty Campbell, Mary McNeil, and Marion Langiell. Dorothy Arnold has recently been promoted from Torre's ice cream to Howard Johnson's wieners.

Seen dashing for the 7:40 each morning are Claire Johnson, Mary Higgins, Statia Hoffer, Barbara Merritt, and Ev. Greenleaf.

That jovial lad, Walter Schofield, joined the ranks of the fighting Marines along with robust athletes Rudy DeRosa and Co-captain, Joe Merrill.

Those with the ski troops among the snow-capped mountains at Camp Hale are Bob Bingham, Steve Callan, Herb Sherman and Warren Martin.

Barbara Bailey is fast becoming a piano virtuoso at B. U. Joan Caesar, Dorothy Doherty, Jennie Gromyko, Gloria King, and Jean Stimpson are out in the business world.

Some day, perchance, Emily Hanley or Dot Fieneman may be seen at R. H. S., for they are studying the fundamentals of pedagogy.

Hats off to the Merchant Marine! Walter Stark and Wesley Ryan!

When passing through Hanover don't neglect to give "Bizzer" Bowser a buzz at Dartmouth. Scientific genius, David Littlefield, is amazing the professors at B. U.

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Who knows, in the future we may open the cover of *Vogue* and see that the efforts of Barbara Glover and Teel have reaped success. In the future Miss Teel may be known as Mrs. Dick Dacey, for on her third finger, left hand may be seen a 75 karet rock.

In Jordan's, at the fragrant-soap counter, behind the stacks of multi-colored Kleenex may be seen the titian-haired Martha Spaulding, who plans next year to attend Madame Plotski's School of Modern Dance.

"Semper Paratus" is their theme—Walter Carder, Harold Holmes, Roy Sherrod, and Russell Ralston.

Andy Moores complains of a dearth of women at Hebron Academy. You may still see Don Baisley's green coupe traversing the streets of Reading, but it's only when he's on vacation from Lawrence Academy. Roland Dewhurst is at Tufts, while Bruce Putnam after a year in a glamorous cavalry uniform at Norwich is awaiting call from the Naval Air Corps.

Seen around the Mass. State Campus in pursuit of the co-eds is Al Gianascol. When they get out of hand he calls on his neighbors at Amherst, the naval reservists, garrulous Kenneth Brown and statistician, Robert F. Perry Jr.

"Nothing can stop the Army Air Corps" when men like these are in its ranks: Joseph Collins, Hal Rogers, Russell Coombs, who has been forced to surrender his curls for a G. I. haircut, Lawrence Shaw, Ralph Gibson, Mike Stephanian, Thomas Rateford, and Stan Hryonowsky, who has abandoned his tweeds for the regulation khakis.

At New Hampshire State, the Misses Aliee Robinson, and Elinor Abbott are majoring in social life, but are intellectually overshadowed by Laura Hamm.

Gloria Shane is enamored of a Greek god and is neglecting her studies at Wellesley. "Shifty" Schaeffer, also of Wellesley, is enthralled with an ex-Duke glamour boy.

Others in the business world are "Whistling" Willy, Marcia Wentworth, Betty Walker, Katherine White, Jean Sullivan, Alma Towle, Gertrude Thieme, Priscilla Proctor, Loretta Levasseur, Natalie Cutcliffe, Natalie Coker, and Betty Boyd.

At Burdett are Elsie Lindquist, friend of the conductors and brakemen, and Robert Saunders. "Vickey" Arsenault is becoming a secretarial wizard at Bryant and Stratton, Marella Hayes is at Fay, and Beverly Winn is building mosaics at Bouvé.

At the Fisher Business College are Priscilla "Thres" Davis, running off with all top awards, Helen Batchelder, and the editors of this article.

Although she is at present one of the daily commuters, Miss Dorothy Anne Beasley, is contemplating an early marriage to an English count. Blenheim Castle, her future residence, will be open from three to five on Wednesdays for the class of '42, if you can raise the fare to England.

Far from Reading at Oberlin in Ohio is Hattie Camp. Now an engaged woman, Beverly Buckley carries on at B. U. in spite of loneliness.

Learning the fine art of serving tea, we find Jean Dodge, one of the gracious hostesses of Katherine Gibbs. Bette Ellis now holds the honored position of private secretary to some captain of industry. Frances Wheeler is carrying on nobly at Bates, and Naney Holeomb at Cornell.

Bev Pitman and Henry Jacques are the only two old faithfuls who are bringing back precious memories of the class of 1942 to the R. H. S. faculty.

Among the sombreros is Siegfried Pfeiffer attending a college in New Mexico. Behind the counters of the A & P Super Market is Don Plouff, always ready and willing to serve one. Also working in the old home town, we find Viola Stewart. William Zitzow is at the Reading Post Office and Bob Laetseh is in the shoe business. With a cook book in one hand and ten points in the other, Virginia Ward is our only co-ed to reach the heights of matrimony.

John Mentus is now employed at the B. B. Chemical Company. Kenny Sawyer is in the banking business. Wilbur Doucette is employed in Wakefield. The incomparable Della, Mary Puzick, of senior play fame is also employed in Wakefield.

So here's to the Class of '42

For all mistakes, please do not sue.

The hour is late; 'tis half-past twelve,

We must no more into history delve.

Nancy White '42

Beatrice Rudermann '42

# R. H. S. HIT PARADE

<i>Constantly</i>	Homework
<i>There are Such Things</i>	A's in English
<i>Never a Day Goes By</i>	10:35 Broadcast
<i>Strictly Instrumental</i>	R. H. S. Band
<i>I've Heard that Song Before</i>	Deficiencies
<i>I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire</i>	Boys' Lunch Period
<i>I'd Do It Again</i>	Glenn Hodson (Senior play)
<i>I'm Getting Tired So I Can Sleep</i>	Homeroom Period
<i>Jingle, Jangle, Jingle</i>	Mr. Pitkin
<i>Don't Get Around Much Any More</i>	The Girls
<i>My Prayer</i>	June 9
<i>This is the Army</i>	8th Period Calisthenics
<i>I Had the Craziest Dream</i>	No Finals
<i>All the Things You Are</i>	Our Teachers
<i>It's the Same Old Story</i>	Report Cards
<i>It Can't Be Wrong</i>	Detention List
<i>"Keeper of the Flame"</i>	Janitors
<i>It Started All Over Again</i>	Sept. 8th
<i>Thanks for the Dream</i>	No School Bells
<i>For the Rest of My Life</i>	No Homework for Uncle Sam
<i>Three Dreams</i>	June, July and August
<i>Out of This World</i>	Room A
<i>The Band Played On</i>	8th Period Assemblies
<i>Just Like the Sunshine</i>	Pop's Smile
<i>Well, What Do You Know?</i>	Final Exams
<i>Was It My Imagination?</i>	List of Graduates of 1943
<i>Shadow of a Doubt</i>	8:16
<i>I Wake Up Dreaming</i>	Recitation Time
<i>In All This World</i>	No Other R. H. S.



# P O E T R Y

## BURNING OVER THE VICTORY GARDEN

We fired the field again today.  
We do it every spring.  
Our neighbors come—all toting pails,  
And every other thing.

It started with a tiny flame  
Then grew, and spread, and wound;  
And sputtered, guttered down a bit  
Just leaving blackened ground.

The little kids got in the way  
And wildly ran about.  
While others smoky vigil kept  
With many a hearty shout.

I love to smell the pungent smoke,  
To hear the snapping sound.  
To top it all—my father says  
It makes good garden ground.

Janet Bird '44

## 1943 BLUES

The man power shortage is now quite acute;  
Our pangs for revenge are at present astute.  
Our friends and our brothers have answered the call,  
And we are left far from the scene of the brawl.

The quickest revenge we are told is to buy  
Some War Stamps and Bonds so our pilots can fly—  
The signs of our ire to be dealt in swift blows.  
To Hitler and Goebels we blame all our woes.

So we are now scouring the country for scrap  
In hopes that our efforts may bring down a Jap,  
And thus help to end this most terrible strife  
And bring back to us some new light to our life.

Shirley Woodward '43

## TOM'S BOMB

There was an inventor named Tom,  
Who tried to invent a time bomb.  
When at last he thought he was done,  
He found he had only begun.  
He tried as hard as he could,  
But it never worked as it should.  
After six long years without rest,  
He thought he had made the best,  
When the time came to try it out  
He lingered too long in doubt.  
When they came to hunt for old Tom,  
They found he'd gone up with his bomb!

James Robinson '43

## LOVE AND RATIONING

Of my lover now I write  
On me he calls most every night.

He brings his coffee ration card  
He sometimes brings a pound of lard.

His awful face I can o'erlook  
When he brings me his sugar book.

To him I'm almost never mean  
For I've my eye on stamp seventeen!

A ride with him I never pass—  
He's got lots of auto gas.

Another reason I'm his "goil"  
He's got lots of furnace oil.

And to heights unknown I've soared,  
'Cause his father's on the rationing board.

Ruth Craupner '44

## How Ken We Ever 4-Get

Thee jamm seshions inn thee muzick rm. dooring r lunch periods.

Thee lowd speekin sistim blastin 4th at 12:30 4 thee 11:0'cloc brod cazt.

Mista Brawner's puseled x presshun az hee wan-dered fram Rm 1 after a tryeing home rume peryod.

Thee trafik forse and its un no tezt stryke.

Thee noomarus corn flag rations inn thee rubbish barrels inn thee boise lav. and thee "fiar innspectors."

Mista Pittkin's lecshores acumped by thee "Jingle-Jangle" of hys 1 sent peaces.

The chear-leedrs inn there scant unaforms and how thei neerlee frose at thee Wakefield-Reding footbal game.

Joe Fitzz's deskiess hun onn sports and hys eror about golf onn thee raydeco program.

List of gum chewers on Mis Drurree's bored.

Mista Halpinn drivin thee littel kids off thee fiar skape.

Thee sulfor smel awl over thee buildin wen thee kem klass went 2 worke—the tessed toob and the inter-rupshuns cawsed bi vizitors.

Down inn rm. 4 Pop Whealur and hys grand cents of huemore and an MT homrume.

Klas meatins wear nothing ever getts dun.

Listning 2 the 9:20 club Btwean ate and 1/4 passed ate in Rm 2.

Thee hours spent inn D tenshun.

Miss Zimmerman's voyse boomin threw thee cor-radores.

Inn thee tipe rume thee chart on the back bord with Geen McGnire's the shortest.

Tymes the know-skools belles shud of rang and didn't.

The D creese inn the Latin klasses affter a sir 19 yung teechers joyned the Na V.

The Phis Lab and Mr. Pope's face and x cuses wen his x periaments don't worke and the tyme Rustee put innsence onn the raydecatore.

Lassed 60 seconds craming 4 mid-years.

The squeakin charis in Ye Olde Lunche Roome and the krowd of gals weighting for eyece creem wile the boise gett itt.

The dai the snake wolked inn 2 the studee hawl.

Frere Blanchard's joks and his date booke 4 his dauter Jaynee.

Henree Alldritch inn the Seenvor Pla.

Tyme eyece creeme whent up to 2 5c plus 1c and the thirmomiter in the Fizz Lab whent downe 2 40.

The enormous wordes and darmatick scoldins Mrs. Wiens m ploied.

The studee hawl and the manee ours wee spent their.

The wai inn witch the teechers inn the Seenvor Plai reesembellea those of R. H. S.

Up onn the 3rd flore Rm. A and Mr. Spenser's flashee clothes and long I lashes.

The longe chane of discustedd boise carring bookees lidd bi A.D.

The stedie streem of teechers passin thru Laten 3 klasses.

Hour sofmore Englesh klasse wen Miss Devaney's heal came off her shoe.

Mis Batcheldoor's remarks "this is a studee hawl, not a dressin rume."

Awl the bookees wich wher takin home but nevher looked att.

Elizabeth White  
Joan Davis  
Sherman Stone

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### WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE POST-WAR WORLD

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